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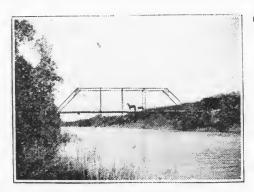
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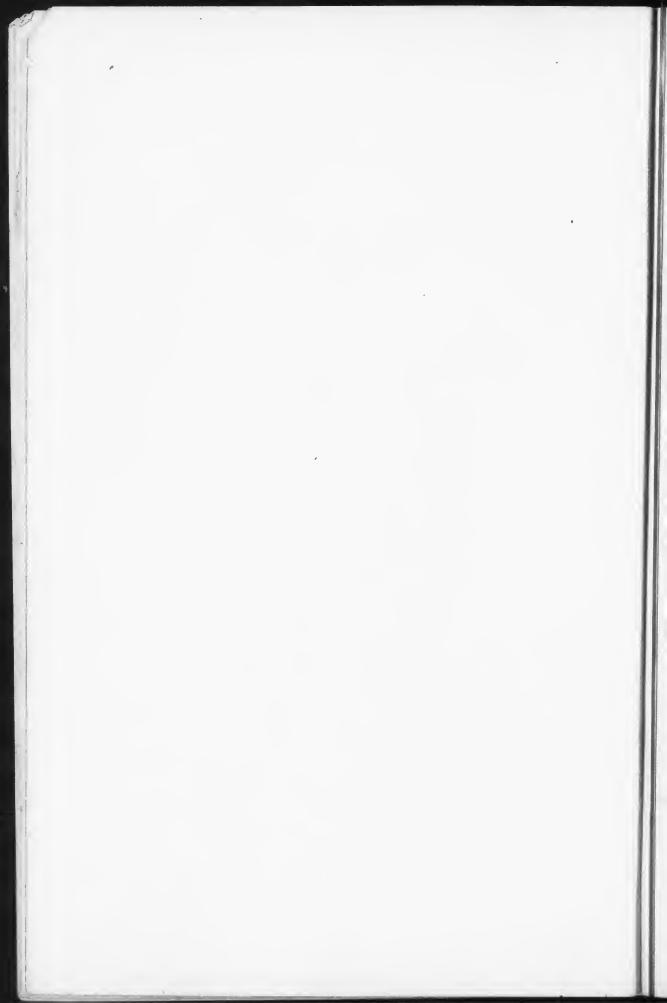
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JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

Madison, S. Dak., Oct. 2, 1902.

THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Madison, S. Dak., at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, presiding.

THE CONFERENCE joined in singing Hymn 798, the Bishop read part of the Fortieth Chapter of Isaiah, and proceeded to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

Roll Call—The Secretary of the last session called the Conference roll, and the following named responded: Allison, Beavis, Bromaghim, G. D. Brown, E. S. Chappell, S. A. Chappell, Dean, Deeble, Dibble, Dobson, DuVal, Ehlers, Fox, Gurney, Hager, E. P. Hall, Harkness, Hopkins, Jamieson, Janes, Jenkins, Johnson, Jordan, Kaye, Matteson, L. MacLean, Meinzer, Minty, Nickerson, Norvell, Notson, Potter, Parker, Redfield, Sanderson, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, Sevy, Stevens, Swickard, Thurston, H. S. Wilkinson, Watson, Williams, Walker, Youngman.—(46.)

PROBATIONERS—Bunt. Boyce, Kerr, McEldowney, W. P. Slocum, Hyde, McBeth, Preston, L. V. Slocumb, Stiles.—(10)

Organization—G. T. Notson was re-elected Secretary, and upon his nomination W. S. Shepherd and R. B. Beavis were re-elected Assistants.

- J. S. Harkness was re-elected Treasurer and named as his Assistants, A. C. Shepherd and A. S. Mason.
- G. D. Brown was elected Statistical Secretary, and announced A. W. Thurston, O. E. Boyce, P. O. Bunt, John Kaye and F. L. Bromaghim as Assistant Statisticians.

POSTMASTER-O. M. Hyde was elected Postmaster.

REPORTER—Paul H. McBeth was chosen as reporter for the daily papers.

HOUR OF MEETING—It was voted that the hour of meeting be fixed at 8:30 a. m., and the hour of adjournment at 12 m., the first half-hour to be a devotional service.

Conference Bar—The Bar of the Conference was fixed to include the auditorium.

COMMITTEES—The list of Standing Committees was called and revised. On motion E. E. Dean, S. A. Chappell, H. S. Wilkinson, J. W. Taylor and A. C. Stevens were elected a Committee on the Epworth League, and A. Jamieson and W. S. Shepherd were made a Committee on Memoirs.

TRANSFERS—The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of Socrates T. Weaver from the Des Moines Conference, and J. W. Taylor from the Detroit Conference; also the transfer of Joseph E. Houlgate to the Nebraska Conference; Christian G. Paulson to the Des Moines Conference; Gordon L. Granger to the Wyoming Conference, and Thomas A. Stamp to the Minnesota Conference.

Conference Relations—Voted that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials and on certificates of location, also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations, and all the cases of Supernumeraries and Superannuates, and those who are likely to have their relations changed to either of the above relations be referred to the same Committee. In all cases where the Presiding Elders are unanimous, cases may be referred by them to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Statistical Session—A statistical was ordered to be held at ${\bf 2}$ o'clock p. m.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—"Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?"—was taken up.. The following Presiding Elders were called, passed in character and read their reports: E. P. Hall, Aberdeen District; J. O. Dobson, Huron District; C. E. Hager, Mitchell District; J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls District; D. Rifenbark, Watertown District. In answer to the question of the Bishop each Presiding Elder announced that there was nothing against the character of any effective elder on his district.

The following named effective elders were called in the order of their Districts and reported their collections: N. A. Swickard, G. H. Parker, W. D. Deeble, J. E. Norvell, F. L. Bromaghim, A. S. Mason, E. E. Dean, F. J. Norton, W. B. Stewart, H. S. Wilkinson, G. T. Notson, W. L. Meinzer, G. D. Brown, O. A. Phillips, M. E. Nickerson, T. H. Youngman, I. P. Potter, A. P. Janes, A. E. Carhart, W. S. Shepherd, O. Williams, J. T. Gurney, A. W. Thurston, L. MacLean, A. Jamieson, A. C. Shepherd, R. B. Beavis, W. F. Minty, G. F. Hopkins, W. O. Redfield, J. C. DuVal, C. E. Matteson, F. T. Nichols, W. H. Jordan, S. T. Weaver, John Kaye, J. B. Dibble, J. D. Allison, S. J. Watson, A. C. Stevens, J. S. Harkness and Thomas Sanderson.

REFERRED—The apportionments for General Conference Expenses and the Episcopal Fund were referred to the Presiding Elders.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made, Committees were called, and after singing the Doxology, Bishop Goodsell pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE CONFERENCE convened at 2 o'clock p. m., with Dr. W. H. Jordan in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. Hymn 593 was sung, and G. D. Brown led in prayer.

Moved that all subscriptions for Century Memorial Hall of Dakota University be included in the Twentith Century Thank-Offering report, also all subscriptions taken for the Canton Epworth League Assembly.

VOTED that a special committee be raised to collect the statistics for the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering. Frank Fox, W. B. Stewart, A. P. Janes, D. S. Kerr and O. M. Hyde were appointed as such committee.

THE representative of the Book Concern, A. H. Humphrey, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

THE statistics were collected and the Conference adjourned. A. E. Carhart pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 3, 1902.

THE BISHOP led the devotional exercises of the Conference.

At 9 o'clock the Conference convened in business session.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

THE ROLL of absentees was called and the following named responded: Carhart, Cooper, Graham, Mason, Lane, Norton, Phillips, Rifenbark, Stewart, Saxon, (11). Also Case and Murray, Probationers.

THE list of delinquent charges for reports was called by the Statistical Secretary.

Introductions—J. W. Taylor, a transfer from the Detroit Conference; the Rev. J. C. Harvey of the Northwest Iowa Conference; the Rev. C. F. Strutz, pastor of the German Evangelical Church in Madison; Miss Adaline M. Houston, Deaconess; and Dr. H. C. Jennings, Senior Agent of the Western Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference.

James Crowther, a candidate for admission on trial, was called forward and introduced to the Conference, and excused from further attendance.

COAL STRIKE—By resolution the Conference voted to suspend business at 11 o'clock and engage in prayer for Divine guidance to be given President Roosevelt and all interested parties in consultation today seeking for the speedy settlement of the great coal strike in Pennsylvania.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—H. F. Knight, John Hall, C. E. Logsdon, and F. T. Nicholls, desiring a change in their relations were referred

to the Committee on Conference Relations. The names of John Lewtas and Wm. A. Greene were also referred to this Committee.

When the name of James B. Starkey was called, upon motion of his Presiding Elder, he was located, at his own request.

Consent was given to Amos Emmott to withdraw from the Ministry and Membership of out Church, to unite with the British Wesleyan Conference.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was called, and Thomas Simmons, Frank C. MacDuffee, Wm. H. Cory and Frank Baker were passed in character and continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" —was taken up. Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer and W. O. Gram were passed in character and continued in their present relation.

QUESTION FIVE—"Who Have Been Continued on Trial?"—was taken up. O. M. Hyde, L. V. Slocumb, D. E. Murray, P. H. McBeth, Henry Preston and B. F. Stiles were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Second Year. P. H. Weston was passed in character represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder, advanced to the studies of the Second Year, and left without appointment to attend school.

Henry A. Dalrymple was discontinued, at his own request.

QUESTION SEVEN—"Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?"—was taken up. The class for admission were called forward. By request, Dr. H. C. Jennings led in prayer, and the Bishop asked and expounded the usual Disciplinary questions and addressed the class. P. O. Bunt, W. P. Slocum, O. E. Boyce, B. W. McEldowney, D. S. Kerr and F. F. Case, were passed in character, represented by their Presiding Elders, the Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations, admitted into full Membership and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Henry I. Farr was passed in character, represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder, credited with the duties of the Second Year, continued on trial, and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary rule.

A. M. Ward was passed in character, represented by his Presiding Elder and continued on trial in the studies of the Second Year.

PRAYER—Conference suspended business according to previous action and engaged in a season of prayer.

ADDRESSES—Dr. H. C. Jennings addressed the Conference in behalf of the Book Concern interests.

On motion time was extended to listen to the address of Miss Adaline M. Houston, representative of the Asbury Hospital of Minneapolis, Minn.

DIVIDENDS—Dividends from the Book Concern for \$279, and from the Chartered Fund for \$22 were announced and drafts ordered for the same.

Special Order—Voted that it be made the order of the day at 10 o'clock Saturday morning to consider the report of the Committee on Conference Claimants' Fund.

THE Committees were called, announcements made and Conference stood adjourned. After singing the Doxology, Dr. Jennings pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 4, 1902.

THE CONFERENCE opened at 8:30, a. m., for devotional exercises Bishop Goodsell, presiding.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop opened the business session by calling for the reading of the minutes, which were approved.

QUESTION THIRTY—"Where shall the Next Conference Be Held?"—was taken up. Invitations were received from Vermillion and Aberdeen. After proper representations, Aberdeen was chosen. A vote of thanks was extended to the Church at Vermillion, with the hope that we may be able to meet with them at some future time.

QUESTION TEN—"What Members Have Completed Conference Course of Study?"—was taken up. Frank Fox, S. A. Chappell and Nels P. Johnson were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and elected to Elder's Orders.

C. O. Walker was passed in character, reported his collections, was represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder and continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

W. O. Gram was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION TWELVE—"What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?"—was taken up. Hall K. Wallis and Asa D. Thibadeau were represented by the Examiners, their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations and elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

QUESTION FOUR—"Who Have Been Received on Trial?"—was taken up. H. L. Hastings, R. E. Tarleton, A. C. McLean, James Crowther, R. J. Van DerVoort, J. E. McKinney, Wm. Mason, H. W. Smith, A. D. Thibadeau and H. K. Wallis were represented by the Examiners, their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations and were admitted on trial.

QUESTION NINE—"What Members Are in Studies of Fourth Year?"
—was called. Isaac B. Sevy, Willaim C. Ehlers, Edgar E. Saxton, Wm.
A. Cave and Colin T. Cooper were passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding

Elders and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year. The last three were conditioned on certain studies, noted by the Examiners.

Wm. C. Cleworth, Henry F. Knight, Wm. A. Greene and Perry S. Ingersoll were continued in the studies of the Third Year.

R. H. Dempsey and Charles E. Logsdon were passed in character, represented by their Presiding Elders, continued in the studies of the Third Year, and granted a Supernumerary relation.

Martin Thomas was passed to the list of effective Elders and credited with the studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION TWENTY-Two—was resumed. John Lewtas and Wm. A. Greene were made effective.

John Hall, Donald C. McLean, F. T. Nichols, H. F. Knight and W. B. Redburn were granted the Supernumerary relation.

A. E. Tanner was granted the Supernumerary relation, and requested to locate.

A Special Committee was raised to formulate a rule governing the admission of candidates coming to us from distant Conferences. W. S. Shepherd, S. J. Watson and W. H. Jordan were appointed as such committee.

Order of the Day.—The report of the committee on Conference Claimants' Fund was presented and on motion it was ordered printed in the minutes, and action postponed for one year.

INTRODUCED—Dr. T. B. Neely, of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

BLUFF CENTER CHURCH—The sale of the Bluff Center Church on the Lodi charge was authorized, the proceeds to be applied on the indebtedness of two churches within the bounds of that circuit. Dr. J. O. Dobson was appointed to act on behalf of the Conference in the matter of the transfer.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS—On motion the Presiding Elders' reports were limited to 800 words, and the Secretary authorized to omit those which are not properly edited and placed in his hands one day after the adjournment of Conference.

EDITING REPORTS—The Secretary was authorized to edit the reports. Profits—N. A. Swickard, former publisher of the minutes, reported \$65 as profits from the publication of the Year Book for 1901, which was added to the Conference Claimant's fund. Upon motion a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Swickard for his successful efforts as publisher.

TRANSFER—Geo. W. Rosenberry, of the Central New York Conference, was introduced and his transfer to this Conference announced.

ADJOURNMENT—Committees were called, announcements made and after singing the Doxology, Dr. Thomas B. Neely pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2 o'clock with the Rev. A. Jamieson in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop. After singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," Dr. Swickard led in prayer.

RULES—The rules for examination of undergraduates were re-affirmed.

REPORTS—Reports of the following Committees were received and adopted: Temperance, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, Church Extension, Hospitals, Sabbath Observance, Sunday School and Tracts, Church Literature, American Bible Society, Epworth League, Education, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Conference Claimants, Auditing Treasurer's Accounts and Board of Trustees.

Introductions—Sanford Washburn, an honored Superannuate, was introduced and addressed the Conference, after which we joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Field Secretary of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference on the work of that Society.

James Hughes, Evengelist of the Northwest Iowa Conference, was introduced and greeted the Conference.

STATISTICS—The reports of the Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer were received and adopted.

Dr. J. O. Dobson—The Conference adopted the following resolutions suggesting the name of Dr. J. O. Dobson for Field Secretary of the Missionary Society:

Whereas, There is to be a vacancy in the office of District Field Secretary of the Missionary Society at Kansas City, Mo., by the return of Dr. Homer C. Stuntz to the Phillipine district in the near future, and

Whereas, We believe that the office could be best served by a member of a Western Conference, and

Whereas, We believe Rev. J. O. Dobson, D. D. of this Conference, having spent all the years of his ministerial life in the west, and being eminently fitted by his long experience and great executive ability to fill this office with credit to himself and honor to the church; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, as a Conference, do respectfully call the attention of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to the consideration of his name in the filling of this appointment.

COLLECTIONS—Voted that whenever a bequest is included in the report of the collections for any of the benevolences that the same be indicated by a star and footnote in the Statistics.

RESOLUTION—The following resolution was introduced and on motion was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, as an expression of the sense of the Conference that greater emphasis be laid upon the examination of candidates for admission in their personal beliefs as regards the Doctrine and Discipline of our Church:

Whereas, It is provided in the Discipline, P. 57, of the Appendix that "Certificates from our regular Theological Seminaries and from Colleges approved by our University Senate shall be accepted by the Conferences" on specified conditions, but that "the Annual Conferences shall examine all candidates in Doctrines and Discipline of the Church," and

Whereas, The manifest intent of this provision is that each Annual Conference shall be assured that those seeking admission into our traveling ministry not only have a knowledge of the subject of Doctrine and Discipline as taught in the schools and our prescribed text-books, but also that they know, personally believe and are in hearty accord with the Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to this end the Conference shall examine all such candidates in their personal doctrinal beliefs, and their knowledge of and loyalty to the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, therefore

RESOLVED, That all candidates for admission into Full Membership in the Dakota Conference shall be subjected to such an examination touching their personal views of our Doctrines and the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that this Conference may have ample assurance that such candidates understand, and are in hearty accord with and loyal to the same.

CLOSING—By vote the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, October 6, 1902.

THE CONFERENCE convened at 8 o'clock with Bishop Goodsell in the chair.

AFTER the usual devotional exercises, the reading of the minutes was called for, and they were approved.

Nominations—The nominations of the Presiding Elders of the various Boards and Standing Committees, having been previously read, were elected.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS—The Missionary Appropriations, submitted by the Presiding Elders, were approved.

THE names of H. K. Wallis and A. D. Thibadeau, having completed the first two years of the Course of Study under the Seminary rule, were passed to Section 3, of Question Five.

CENTURY MEMORIAL HALL—The following resolutions relative to Century Memorial Hall were adopted:

Whereas, Century Memorial Hall for Dakota University is greatly needed and only about one-half the subscription has been covered, and

Whereas, The remainder of this calendar year is a good season for raising funds for this enterprise, therefore,

RESOLVED, That on every charge an earnest effort be made to cover in subscription and cash an amount not less than an average of \$2.50 per member, making subscriptions payable as early as possible.

RESOLVED, That we assure the Building Committee of our hearty support in hastening this much needed building to completion.

DR. GRAHAM, president of Dakota University, addressed the Conference upon the work of the College.

REPORTS—The Board of Conference Claimants were permitted to withdraw their report and revise the same, which was again presented and adopted.

The reports of the committees on Resolutions and Twentieth Century Thank Offering were read and adopted.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—"Who Are the Triers of Appeal?"—was taken up. W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, A. Jamieson, Lachlan McLean, S. J. Watson and H. S. Wilkinson were elected Triers of Appeal.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS—Questions Twenty-Five, Twenty-Six, Twenty-Seven and Twenty-Eight were called. For answers see Disciplinary Questions and Statistical Tables.

Wesley Anniversary—The following resolution providing for the observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, was adopted:

Whereas, On the 28th day of June, 1903, will occur the anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, the founder of our world-wide Methodism, and

Whereas, By. "the people called Methodists" this event will be very widely celebrated.

RESOLVED, That we urge the holding of special anniversary services on Sunday, the 28th day of June, 1903, in all the churches and Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the Dakota Conference; that at the May meetings of the ministerial associations one day be set apart for a District celebration, and that the program committee of the next Annual Conference be requested to devote one evening for a conference anniversary.

Dr. T. B. Neely addressed the Conference briefly.

Motto—Moved by the Presiding Elders that the motto of Dakota
Conference be "A Dollar per Member for Missions on Every Charge."

Special Missionary Appropriations—The following resolution was offered by J. O. Dobson and C. E. Hager and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Dakota Conference recommends to the Missionary Society a special appropriation for the opening of the large and needy territory west of the Missouri river and adjacent to the Huron and Mitchell Districts, to be immediately available.

AUTHORIZED—The Special Committee appointed to prepare a rule governing the admission of candidates coming to us from a distance was authorized to report to the Secretary.

COLLECTIONS—A collection amounting to \$47.02 was taken up for the relief of Bro. H. S. Coon, who is seriously ill. Also one for the Janitor of the Church.

TRANSFERS—The transfers of C. E. Matteson to the Northwest Iowa Conference; W. C. Cleworth to the Rock River Conference; A. C. Stevens to the North Dakota Conference; A. J. Jolly to the New England Southern Conference; and J. C. Harvey and O. W. Butterfield from the Northwest Iowa Conference, were announced.

CLOSING—The minutes of the morning session were read. The Bishop spoke briefly to the Conference, read the Appointments and pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

DANIEL A. GOODSELL, Presiding Bishop.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

I hereby certify the above is a correct copy of the minutes of Dakota Conference in Session at Madison, S. Dak., October 2-6, 1902.
G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on Sunday, October 5, 1902, in Madison, South Dakota, I ordained: Pierce O. Bunt, William P. Slocum, Orien P. Boyce, Benj. W. McEldowney, Daniel S. Kerr, Frederick F. Case, Hall K. Wallis, Asa D. Thibadeau, as Deacons, and assisted by several Elders, I ordained Frank Fox, Sherman A. Chappell, Nels P. Johnson, Reuben N. Kratz as Elders.

DANIEL A. GOODSELL,

Presiding Bishop.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- .1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?
- S. Townsend Weaver, Des Moines, Conference; John W. Taylor, Detroit Conference; Geo. W. Rosenberry, Central New York; J. C. Harvey, Northwest Iowa; O. W. Butterfield, Northwest Iowa.
 - 2. Who have Been Readmitted?

None.

3 Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

- 4. Who have been Received on trial?
- (a) In Studies of First Year.—Horace L. Hastings, Robert E. Tarleton, Allen C. McLean, James Crowther, Riley J. Van DerVoort, John E. McKinney, William Mason, Hudson W. Smith.
 - (b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—Hall K. Willis, Asa D. Thibadeau.
 - 5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.—None.
- (b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Arthur M. Ward, Orlow M. Hyde, Parley H. Weston, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. McBeth, Henry Preston, Benj. F. Stiles, O. W. Butterfield.—(9).
 - (c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—Henry I. Farr.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.-None.
 - 6. Who have been Discontinued?

Henry A. Dalrymple.

- 7. Who have been Admitted into full Membership?
- (a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—Pierce O. Bunt, William P. Slocum, Orien E. Boyce, Benj. W. McEldowney, Daniel S. Kerr, Frederick F. Case.—(6).
 - (b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY—None.
 - 8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
 - (a) Admitted Into Full Membership this Year.—Pierce O. Bunt,.

William P. Slocum, Orien E. Boyce, Benj. W. McEldowney, Daniel S. Kerr, Frederick F. Case.—(6).

- (b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Richard H. Dempsey, Henry F. Knight, Charles E. Logsdon, Wm. A. Greene, Perry S. Ingersoll.—(5).
 - 9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

William O. Gram, Charles O. Walker, Isaac B. Sevy, Edgar E. Saxton, Wm. C. Ehlers, Wm. A. Cave, Colin T. Cooper.—(7).

- 10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
- (a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Frank Fox, Sherman A. Chappell, Nels P. Johnson.—(3).
- (b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—Martin Thomas. —(1).
 - 11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
- (a). As LOCAL PREACHERS.—Hall K. Willis, Asa D. Thibadcau.— (2).
 - (b) Under Missionary—*Henry I. Farr.—(1).
 - 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
 - (a) As Local Deacons.—Reuben N. Kratz.—(1).
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule.—*Henry I. Farr.—(1)
 - 13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Joseph E. Houlgate, Nebraska Conference; Gordon L. Granger, Wyoming Conference; Christian G. Paulson, Des Moines Conference; Thomas A. Stamp, Minnesota Conference; Wm. C. Cleworth, Rock River Conference; A. C. Stevens, North Dakota Conference; C. E. Matteson, Northwest Iowa Conference; and A. J. Jolly, New England, Southern Conference.—(8).

15. Who have Died?

None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

James B. Starkey.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

Amos Emmott.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?

*To be Ordained at session of Arizona Mission Conference.

None.

Who are the Supernumery Preachers?

Thomas Simmons, Frank C. MacDuffee, William H. Cory, Frank Baker, Richard H. Dempsey, Charles E. Logsdon, John Hall, Donald C. McLean, Francis T. Nicholls, Henry F. Knight, William B. Redburn, Alum E. Tanner.—(12).

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, Sanford Washburn, T. H. Walker, S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, W. O. Gram. -(9).

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, Oliver Williams, Archibald Jamieson, Lachlan McLean, S. J. Watson and H. S. Wilkinson.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See Statistical Tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$9,188.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$1.800.

Aberdeen.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$1,570, Paid to the Conference Claimants.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be Held?

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

- 4 E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
- Aberdeen, N. A. Swickard.
- Andover, G. H. Parker.
- 1 Ashton, L. V. Slocumb. 1 Bath and Columbia, Frank Fox. 1
- Bowdle and Roscoe, L. A. Mc-1 Culloch (Sup).
- Britton, W. D. Deeble.
- Claremont, L. W. Putnam (Sup.)
- Conde, N. P. Johnson.
- DeVoe, F. L. Bromaghim.
- Doland, J. E. Norvell.

- 1 Frederick, A. M. Ward.
- 1 Groton, O. W. Butterfield.
- Hecla, F. A. Gossman (Sup.) 1 Langford, C. O. Walker.
- Leola, N. S. Wilson (Sup.) Mellette, A. S. Mason. 1
 - Mound City and Herreid, to be supplied.
- 1 Northville, F. J. Norton.
- 1 Selby and Bangor, P. S. Ingersoll
- 1 Warner, E. E. Dean.
- P. H. Weston, Member Devoe Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

HURON DISTRICT.

- J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Huron, S. Dak.
- Hitchcock, O. A. Phillips. Alpena, J. G. Gurney. 1 1
- Huron, H. S. Wilkinson. Blunt, B. F. Stiles. 3
- H. O. McGlashan, 2 Iroquois, D. E. Murray. 1 · Burdette,
- Lebanon, C. W. Harrop. (Sup.) (Sup.)
- Cavour, J. W. A. Collins (Sup.) 2 Miller, P. H. MacBeth. 1 Okobojo, J. A. MacDonald. (Sup.)
- DeSmet, Henry Preston. Faulkton, C. T. Cooper. Onida, to be supplied.
- Forest City, L. A. MacDonald, 2 Pierre, G. T. Notson. Redfield, A. D. Thibadeau. (Sup.) Tulare, to be supplied. Fort Pierre Circuit, to be sup-
- Wessington, A. L. Cathers (Sup.) plied. Wessington Springs, G. D. Brown
- Gettysburg, W. P. Arnold (Sup.) 4 Winthrop, P. O. Bunt. Highmore, A. C. MacLean. Wolsey, to be supplied.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

- 5 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, S. Dak.
- 1 Mitchell Ct., R. N. Kratz (Sup.) Armour, Oliver Williams. 1
- Mt. Vernon, I. P. Potter. Alexandria, S. A. Chappell. 2
- Parkston and Ethan, Jas. Crow-1 Artesian, E. E. Saxton. 1 Bard, A. E. Carhart. ther.
- Plankinton, A. P. Janes. Bridgewater, I. B. Sevey. 2 3
- Platte, W. A. Greene. Canistota, G. J. Corwin.
- Salem, J. C. Harvey. Chamberlain, J. C. Baker (Sup.) 1 Scotland, A. W. Thurston.
- Fairfax Ct., to be supplied. 1 Fulton, Wm. Mason. Springfield, H. K. Wallis.
- Tripp and Delmont, J. H. Kear-Geddes, W. W. Havens, (Sup.)
- Howard, John Kaye. ton (Sup.)
- Tyndall, E. T. Underwood (Sup.) Kimball, T. A. Miller (Sup.) 1 La Roche, to be supplied. White Lake, W. P. Slocum. 1
- Woonsocket, F. F. Case. Letcher, Ray Carhart (Sup.) 2 Mitchell, T. H. Youngman.
- W. I. Graham, President of Dakota University, Member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

- J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- Alcester, Lachlan MacLean. 1 Hudson, R. J. Van DerVoort.
- Ben Clare, C. W. Murr (Sup.) Hurley, J. C. DuVal. 1
- Beresford, Archibald Jamieson. 3 Lennox, H. P. Eberhart (Sup.)
- Canton, A. C. Shepherd. 1 Lodi, J. E. McKinney.
- Centerville, W. B. Stewart. Madison, George S. Parker. 1 1
- Colman, John Jones (Sup.) Marion Junction, John Lewtas. 1 1 Colton Ct., L. W. Scott (Sup.) 1 Montrose, H. L. Hastings. 1
- Parker, J. B. Dibble. Dell Rapids, R. B. Beavis. 3 1
- Egan, D. S. Kerr. Sioux Falls, First Church, W. H. 1 Elk Point, W. F. Minty. Jordan.
 - Sioux Falls, Jordan, S. T. Wea-Flandreau, G. F. Hopkins. Flandreau Ct., D. C. Arms (Sup.) ver.
- Vermillion, J. W. Taylor. Garretson, R. E. Tarleton.
- Wakonda, M. E. Nickerson. Gayville, H. W. Smith. Worthing, John Oakley (Sup.) Harrisburg, S. Shurtleff 2
- Yankton, G. W. Rosenberry. (Sup.) 1 Hartford, W. O. Redfield.

E. S. Chappell, Agent Children's Home Society, Jordan Church Quarterly Conference.

H. I. Farr, Missionary to Arizona.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

- DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder, Watertown, S. Dak.
- Arlington, A. M. Harkness (Sup.) 2 Kampeska, H. S. Coon.
- Aurora and Bruce, P. G. Sheper-3 Lake Preston, L. W. Darling, sky (Sup.) (Sup.)
 - Big Stone City, O. E. Boyce. Milbank, S. J. Watson.
- 1 Sisseton, L. L. Lane. 5
 - Summit, to be supplied.
- Bradley, Wm. Barrie (Sup.) Bristol, B. W. McEldowney. Brookings, W. A. Cave.
 - Watertown, W. S. Shepherd. Waubay, L. L. Layne. (Sup.) Webster, J. S. Harkness. Castlewood, J. D. Allison.
 - Clark, W. L. Meinzer.
 - Clear Lake, Matt Evans (Sup.) White, Thos. Sanderson.
- 1 Garden City, S. E. Boselly. 2 Willow Lake, S. M. Davis (Sup.) (Sup.) Wilmot and Corona, to be sup-Gary, to be supplied. plied.
- Hazel, O. M. Hyde. White Rock, Wilbur M. Evans 3 Henry, W. C. Ehlers. (Sup.)

C. B. Clark, Supt. of Black Hills Mission.

Martin Thomas, Missionary to Black Hills.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

E. P. HALL PRESIDING ELDER.

Paul in Writing to Timothy says: "If a man seeketh the office of a Bishop he desireth a good work." Paul evidently was a Bishop himself. He certainly belonged to the traveling connection—must have been a Methodist.

Paul held a conference at Ephesus. Here the Elders met him and reported the condition of the churches. Thus as we meet here today we rejoice that we are in the Apostolic succession. As itinerants we have no continuing city, we seek one to come.

We pitch our tent for a brief stay; but while here we endeavor

to transform a portion of the Earth into a garden of God.

This year a few have hungered a little for the flesh pots of Egypt, but none have turned aside to trample God's commission in the market-place. In the eager rush and scramble after land, men of the earth have become earthy and wanting the earth have ceased in that degree to seek the heavenly, yet to avoid if possible future contingencies they put their religion in their wives' name.

Only a few changes have been made during the year. Bro. Ingersoll of Groton, was compelled to give up his charge in the middle of the year owing to poor health. Rev. O. W. Butterfield, from Evanston, was secured to fill out the year and has consented to remain with

us another year.

Bro. Knappen supplied the Bowdle charge for a part of the year

but not liking the West returned East.

Material progress had been marked this year in many of the charges. A new parsonage, no better in the Conference, has been recently finished in Aberdeen at a cost of \$2,800 and the church improved at an expense of \$500.

Claremont has paid all the outstanding debt on its two churches and purchased a parsonage at an expense of \$1,000, two-thirds of

which has been paid.

The pastor at Andover with much patience succeeded in raising a debt on the church of sixteen years' standing.

A new church will be built this fall at Pollock, the teminus of the

Soo R. R. in South Dakota.

The church debt at Putney on the Groton charge has been paid in

The debt on the church at Leola has been reduced somewhat by the Ladies' Aid Society of that place.

An addition to the parsonage property at Ashton costing nearly \$500 was made and the church painted during the year.

The parsonage at Bowdle was moved to the lot adjoining the church and a neat porch built, a gift from Bro. and Sister Aurand.

Paint and paper tastefully applied, have made the church at Britton look like new.

Another lot was purchased at Hecla and the parsonage moved to a more sightly and desirable place.

In Ashton, Mellette, Bath, Groton, Claremont, Conde and Andover,

the salaries of the ministers have been increased and should be in

all places to keep pace with increased expenses.

The Epworth League has not accomplished as successful work this year as last. The Sunday School has prospered in most of the charges. A large and enthusiastic County Sunday School Convention was lately held at Ashton, Spink County.

In nearly all of the charges the Benevolent apportionments will

be met in full.

It goes without saying that the spiritual work of the District

demands the best labor and the most patient love.

Special services have been held in many of the charges with some success, though the increase has not been large. A tent meeting was held at Scatterwood Lake by the Pastors of Warner and Devoe. Evangelist Baker assisted the Pastor at Aberdeen in a successful meeting. The benefits coming to the church in spiritual ways have been brought about by the continued personal efforts of the pastors.

Death that comes when it will come has not drawn nigh our dwellings. God in mercy has remembered those that were sick and restored

them to health.

To have lived and labored with those who have "learned in whatsoever state therein to be content" is worth much. To know that all are laborers together with God in founding a kingdom not made with hands, this indeed is the highest good.

HURON DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

Huron District reports a good year. Old debts have been paid at Esmond, Alpena, East Pierre and Fort Pierre. A new church was dedicated at LaDell, and a very fine new church nearly completed at Wessington Springs, cost \$4,000 to \$4.500. New seats with a heating apparatus have been placed in the church at Iroquois. Elegant opera chairs have been placed in the DeSmet church. The interior of the church at Wolsey has been beautified. An elegant new parsonage has been built at Pierre. A comfortable little residence has been purchased at Wessington. Our people at Faulkton have undertaken a parsonage enterprise and are pushing it to successful completion.

A church enterprise of large dimensions is looming up upon the horizon at Redfield. Another new church is contemplated on the Winthrop circuit, and Pierre contemplates extensive improvements upon its building in the near future. The parsonage at Miller has undergone extensive repairs and the pastor has done heroic work for our cause on that field. Some old debts still remain and are likely to remain still for some years to come, since they are entirely beyond

the reach of the few that remain.

We have suffered seriously by the large number of removals incident to the land boom, our work in some places being nearly ruined.

Evangelistic services were held in many of the charges with varying results. Evangelists Benedict and McLean both did good work on the district. So also Mr. C. H. Schreiber, a student missionary campaigner from Evanston, did excellent work on the district stirring up missionary interest among the Epworth Leagues and introducing missionary libraries.

The work among the children and young people has been especially emphasized with most excellent results. Our preachers are getting their eyes open to the great importance of systematically training

the young, of baptizing the little ones and enrolling them as members, and of getting the children to come voluntarily into the Church of Jesus Christ. This is our most hopeful outlook.

The following table shows the result of our missionary campaign

for one dollar per member on every charge:

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| Alpena | .\$ 45.00 | \$ 88.00 |
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| Cavour | . 30.00 | 75.00 |
| DeSmet | . 40.00 | 107.00 |
| Faulkton | . 45.00 | 52.00 |
| Forest City | . 10.00 | 36.00 |
| Gettysburg | | 40.00 |
| Highmore | | 60.00 |
| Hitchcock | | 80.00 |
| Iroquois | 53.00 | 80.00 |
| Lebanon | | 20.00 |
| Miller | | 70.00 |
| Okobojo | | 43.00 |
| Onida | | 72.00 |
| OrientWith | | 25.00 |
| Pierre | | 107.00 |
| Redfield | | . 90.00 |
| Wessington | | 51.00 |
| Wessington Springs | | 100.00 |
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.....\$865.00 \$1,647.00 Nearly every charge has reached the dollar mark and all of them are away beyond class first. We expect to make it a dollar per member on each and every charge next year, by the grace of God.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

With twenty-eight ministers, twenty-four pastors wives and fiftyfour children in the parsonage homes of our district, death has claimed but one, Sister Williams, wife of our brother Oliver Williams of Scotland. Her life was one wholly devoted to the Master's service and her death such as only crowns the children of Heaven. None of our pastors for illness or other causes have been obliged to leave the field. For this we are most grateful.

This has been a year exceptional throughout the state as to material prosperity. Our new churches and parsonages and the improvements on old property will show that we have kept pace with this

rapid march of progress.

I can speak but briefly of our buildings and improvements. We have erected a church at Geddes, costing \$3.500. This enterprise was under the personal supervision of W. W. Havens and is a fine tribute to both pastor and people. A new church is being built at Tory Lake on White Lake charge, which when completed will be a strong center

for a large and prosperous community. At Alexandria, lots have been purchased in the very center of the city for a new house of worship and a subscription secured sufficient to complete the building. The plan is to have this church ready before snow flies. Brother Chappell has shown fine generalship in the management of this enterprise. Scotland has added improvements to church and parsonage at a cost of about \$700, making the entire property as good as new. I have not time to mention in detail the many improvements on our property at Woonsocket, Artesian, Howard, Mt. Vernon, Kimball, Platte, Wagner, and Chamberlain, amounting in value to many hundred dollars. Mitchell has added a fine Sunday School room and so re-arranged, enlarged and beautified the auditorium that all who enter feel that they are going into a new edifice. This is now one of the most attractive churches in the Conference. The improvements cost about \$2,500. New parsonages have been built at Canistota, Armour, Letcher, Geddes and These houses of comfort or elegance represent the Chamberlain. work of skillful leaders and also a new devotion of the laity to the interests of our pastors.

Many vexatious debts have been cancelled, several of very long standing, contracted during the last century, sometime. Woonsocket, Bro. Case pastor, held a cremation service last Sabbath and burned up a mortgage representing a debt of \$1,400. Wagner, Bro. Wm. Mason, pastor, cancelled a debt representing \$500, Artesian \$250, Howard \$530, Ethan \$418. White Lake, Chamberlain and Salem reduced their debts by several hundred dollars. It would be out of order to be unmethodistic, hence the debt column in our District is not left entirely blank.

A few very precious revivals have been reported. Woonsocket, Letcher, Chamberlain, Platte and LaRoche. The work at Platte is especially noteworthy. I think fully seventy souls have been won to Christ on that charge. Under the wise and consecrated leadership of Brother Carhart, the revival spirit continues to prevade the entire community reaching into the country places beyond. Souls have been converted at nearly every other point but we can not do the counting.

Progress has been made in both Sunday School and Junior League work. Epworth Leagues are reviving at several points but we are not making of this department the success that was planned or hoped. Some new methods must be introduced, some advanced movements outlined, more definite direction given to these young lives.

Perhaps if as pastors we were better generals, young people would be better soldiers. As we see it, the chief lack is developed leaders, and this extends through the ranks of the entire laity. Assign definite work to individuals and you will soon find a new order of laymen.

We have a great and growing institution right in our midst, set apart for the development of our young people and it is doing a noble work, our own Mitchell University. When I say that no other school in our state is doing as much to save to the higher life our young men and women, and train them for intelligent Christian service, you will believe me and when I add that our attendance is on the increase taxing the capacity of our building, you will not be surprised, but will heartily rejoice. Because of the faithful and efficient work done by the Faculty last year the Board did not see fit to make any material changes. President Graham has put in the hardest year's work of his life, taking no vacation. We trust he will be rewarded by seeing Memorial Hall completed before the opening of our new college year. The canvass for the building must be pushed as never before.

Benevolences—We have aimed high but have not hit the mark,

yet I think the report on these lines will be gratifying and trust it will appear that we have not neglected even one of the great causes. At several points the offerings of Missions have been exceptionally large. Bard, about \$5.00 per member, Mitchell over \$1.00 per member. Alexandria will report the largest missionary offering in the Conference. Tripp and Delmont \$1.00, Plankinton \$1.25. Yet we are disap-Some charges will show very small returns. Would that pointed. every Pastor might decide before going to his charge: If I must fail let it not be in raising these sinews of war, funds for the world saving agencies of the Church, our benevolences.

We decided at the last session of the Conference to cross the Missouri, and plant Methodism in the regions beyond. The story of that venture if I could tell it all, would be one of thrilling interest. Brother G. J. Corwin, was selected to represent us there. He has heroically carried forward the work. A class of 18 has been organized at Fairfax in Gregory county. Lots purchased for a new Church, an Epworth League organized, preaching points with good congregations established at Bonesteel and Lewis School house in same county.

Too little is often said, too much cannot be expressed concerning the beautiful work accomplished by the wives and mothers in our parsonage homes. If my brother Pastors could speak through this report they would say our wives deserve a full share of the credit for all the success of the Church.

Dr. Donahue, assisted by District Organizer, Mrs. Chappell, and District Corresponding Secretary, aroused an increased interest in the great Woman's Foreign Missionary Society cause as will be shown in a splendid advance in collections. Asbury Hospital was faithfully represented by Miss Houston, Deaconess, and general responses secured.

I would like to name every pastor in this District and speak of his services for all have wrought well. Some are preachers, who speak with tongues of fire. Some are generals who like Grant know not the suggestion of defeat. Some evangelists whose daily lives turn thoughts of men to Christ. Some prophets who see Christ's Kingdom coming and lay broad and deep foundations for His extending realm. God be praised for such a body of heroic leaders. It has been an inspiration to me personally to work with such brothers. We look upon the closing year as one of preparation for further advance. For all that God hath wrought let us give thanks.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

The year's history of Sioux Falls District is pregnant with incident, accident and enterprise, nevertheless it has been a good year, particularly in material improvement. This district legacy, October, 1901, comprised 29 well organized charges, and 25 willing, loyal preachers. The four men needed were quickly found as follows: J. W. Taylor of Vermillion, R. E. Tarleton, Garretson, J. R. Stoney, Ben Clare, and John Oakley, Worthing. During the year there have been some changes. R. J. VanDervoort since June has supplied at Hudson, A. E. Tanner obtained release from his charge. G. L. Granger secured a transfer to the Wyoming Conference in May and John' Jones promptly succeeded him at Colman. J. W. Farr, supply, resigned his work at Montrose in June, and H. L. Hastings was appointed his successor. A new circuit-Colton-was organized in the spring and L. W. Scott has been supplying it during the summer. About September 10, Bro. Stoney resigned his work at Ben Clare, and C. W. Murr was secured to

carry on the work.

Almost every charge has felt the thrill of material enterprise. November 17 the enlarged and remodeled church at Dell Rapids was reopened and dedicated and on August 31, a similar event was celebrated at First Church, Sioux Falls. A new modern \$4,000 parsonage has been built at Canton. A new church to replace the one destroyed by tornado at Beresford will be dedicated during October. Improvements have been made to our property at Alcester, Colman, Egan, Elk Point, Garretson, Gayville, Harrisburg, Hurley, Lennox, Marion, Montrose Jordan Church, Sioux Falls, and a \$2,500 pipe organ is about to be placed at Vermillion. Old debts have been paid at Elk Point, Lennox, Lodi, Montrose and at Jordan Church, Sioux Falls. New church enterprises are beginning at Valley Springs, Ben Clare and Harrisburg.

District wide events may be summed up as follows: Ministerial and Stewards' meeting at Dell Rapids in November, joint district meeting at Salem in May, District Epworth Assembly at Canton, June 25-July 6, destructive tornado June 25, which swept across the southern part of the district carrying before it scores upon scores of barns, windmills, school houses and churches and causing the loss of a few lives. In August the State Holiness Association held its annual Camp meeting in the Assembly Auditorium at Canton, and in September a sub-district Camp meeting at Taopi resulted in a goodly number of

conversions.

There has been one Methodist Society organized on the district and several Sunday Schools, Epworth and Junior Leagues and two

Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies.

Only about 300 conversions can be reported this year, certainly all too few, but while the pastors have generally labored earnestly to this end, material improvements have taken unusual time and thought of both pastors and people. Improvements will amount to \$17,350, old debts cancelled \$2,450 and new building enterprises projected \$14,700 when completed.

Pastors' salaries, I think, will almost without exception be reported paid in full, the Presiding Elder's claim is met and 21 charges have reached or exceeded their missionary apportionment, while 16 will report all benevolences raised as asked for by the Church.

Some work has been done for Century Memorial Hall, at Hartford, Parker, Beresford, Centerville, Alcester, Ben Clare, Yankton, Hurley,

Flandreau and Madison.

Several Ladies' Aid Societies have assumed \$25 each toward the Reading Room. We are ready for a thorough canvass of the district by the appointed agent and assure him of our co-operation.

The need of better Sunday School and League methods on many charges is very apparent, and a general and genuine revival of relig-

ion is paramount to all.

Three of our parsonages have been brightened by the advent of little ones and not one of them saddened by the visitation of the Death Angel, for all of which, with the uniform kindness and cordiality of ministers and laymen during the quarterly rounds I truly thank and praise the Heavenly Father.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

Watertown District has enjoyed another year of substantial development, for which we give thanks to the Great Head of the Church. Faithful work has been done by the Pastors on the various charges. While death has not invaded our ranks, some have suffered from sickness or accident. H. F. Knight of Clear Lake, was taken sick with heart trouble about six months ago, and has been able to do very little work since. His son Lloyd came to his assistance, thus relieving him of much anxiety and labor.

H. S. Coon has been a great sufferer from rheumatism during the past two months, but at last reports was somewhat improved. C. O. Walker of Hazel was confined to the house for some weeks during the winter with an ailment from which he has scarcely recovered, He has been able, however, to carry on the work of the charge most of the year. Wm. Barrie of Wilmot spent two months in the hospital during which time an operation was performed which wholly relieved him of a long standing ailment. A short time ago he was thrown from a wagon sustaining a dislocation of the left shoulder. He will be ready for

work the ensuing year.

Revivals—Revival meetings of great power were held on many charges during the winter months, the most notable being at Watertown. Pastor Stevens was assisted by Evangelist J. W. Mahood and singer. About 100 persons were received into the church as a result. Big Stone City, O. E. Boyce, pastor, was graciously visited by the Holy Ghost and quite a number were converted and united with the Church. Bradley, under the leadership of Pastor Sanderson, assisted by Bro. Ehlers, enjoyed a great meeting, the best in the history of the charge. The meeting at Gary, W. E. Hartung, Pastor, resulted in much good to the church. A new point was taken up and added to the charge. Other meetings were held the result of which I am not able to state. The summer campaign of tent meetings resulted in much good. While many have been added to the church, our aggregate gain will not be large because of the many removals to other climes.

Benevolences—The benevolent collections have been well looked

after and will show an advance over any previous year.

Church Property.—A beautiful church costing about \$6,000 was dedicated at Clark on the 8th of June. Dr. J. C. Bigelow, as Pastor, led the people on to a splendid victory. Brookings, W. A. Cave, Pastor, has invested some \$5,000 in property and taken the initiative in a church building enterprise that will result in the erection of a house of worship that will surpass anything now in the Conference. Other church building enterprises are under way at White Rock, Waubay and at Nicholson Lake, an out appointment on Henry charge. Improvements have been made on the church at Lake Preston, making the building much more attractive and comfortable than it was. Webster has put in electric lights and built sidewalks. Church and parsonage at Willow Lakes have been painted. Lake Preston and Garden City have invested in bells. The parsonage at Henry was partially burned in the early part of winter. The house has been enlarged and improved to the extent of \$600, making it one of the most comfortable preacher's homes on the District. Pro. and Sister Ehlers sustained a considerable loss, but were not forgotten by their friends.

SALARIES—The estimate on Pastor's salaries was fully \$1,000 more than that of last year, and will be with few exceptions, paid in full.

EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Good work is generally being done in the Leagues and Sunday Schools. Some new Leagues have been organized. There is room for more of them. Sunday School

enthusiasm rises high at some points.

Social Meetings—The class meeting is not entirely obsolete. Several charges are blessed with them. May the day hasten when others shall be. The best average attendance is at Henry, where, out of a membership of about 80, and most of that in the country, 45 is reported for the two classes. Prayer meetings are generally held and found to be interesting and very helpful. Methodism will not die so long as she prays and testifies.

Memorial Hall.—The matter of the new building for the College has not been overlooked. Dr. Bigelow, Financial Secretary has canvassed some of the charges and taken pledges. Bro. Ehlers spent some time in the north part of the District in the interest of the work. I

am not able to report the amounts pledged.

PERSONAL.—The Presiding Elder has been happy in the uniform kindness and brotherly sympathy of Pastors and people. One event that will never cease to delight our memory was the surprise given on the 26th of December, last. Upon the return of Mrs. Rifenbark and myself from a dinner out, the house was found to be in possession of pastors and their wives from various points on the District, some of them having driven 50 or more miles to be present. The beautiful dinner set of nearly 150 pieces presented as a token of esteem is proving to be a delight to the household. It is not the value of the gift, but love of the givers, that binds our hearts to these men of God.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The verified results of scientific research, the solemn sanctions of religion and the pronouncements of the highest courts of our land, unite in attributing to the use of alcoholic beverages and the traffic in the same a potency for evil that cannot be predicted of any other influence in modern life. There is no sanctity of home or church or state that is not exposed to this baleful menace. Therefore religion and patriotism point to the manifest duty of all men to war unceasingly against the liquor traffic, to lift up, by all possible means of rescue, the victims of the drink curse, and, by thorough education and wholesome example, to train the rising generation in personal sobriety and political responsibility, to the end that the United States may speedily become a nation of total abstainers and saloon abolitionists.

A traffic founded upon the depraved appetites of the unfortunate and the avarice of those who are willing to make merchandise of human degredation ought not to receive the indorsement of the laws of a civilized community. We therefore condemn the licensing in any form of this so-called business as a confusion of moral distinctions, and the acceptance of revenue from the same as an unholy compromise which involves the commonwealth in a guilty responsibility for the crime and miseries that inevitably flow from the liquor traffic. We further declare our conviction that the voters of our church should regard the ballot as a sacred trust to free our country from that complicity with the drink evil which so hurts us at home and dishonors us abroad. The rum-seller meets the missionary of the Cross on every shore, and, through these representatives of a civilization itself called Christian, Christianity appears a moral hybrid offering to the unevangelized races of the earth, the bread of life with one hand and the bottle of death with the other. While not wishing in the least degree to minimize the importance of political action, we deem it wise to lay especial stress upon certain educative and administrative forces that have been too much ignored. It should never be forgotten that law in a free government depends for its efficiency upon public sentiment. Inadequate public sentiment produces administrative infidelity in law enforcement hence the imperative need of constant nurturing and educating of public sentiment. The strict enforcement of our present restrictive statutes governing the liquor traffic would in many instances render the business precarious and unprofitable. Saloon prosperity is almost exactly in inverse ratio with administrative fidelity. Such conniving at law-lessness is the mother of anarchy and breeds contempt for all law.

If the ballot is the authoritive expression of the sentiment of the voter, and if the aggregated ballots cast at an election express the sentiment of the electorate as to what issues are paramount, the results of our elections for the past decade show either that American public opinion does not approve of the enforcement of restrictive laws already enacted, to say nothing of the enactment of additional laws more prohibitive in their scope, or that such sentiment, if it really exists, is so scattered, compromised and confused with other issues as to be for purposes of righteousness largely unavailable. Who can doubt that the truth is represented by the latter situation. It therefore remains for the moulders of public opinion, and especially for the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ, so to emphasize the duty of total abstinence by the individual and the social destructiveness of the liguor traffic, that, by the moral consensus of the people the prohibition of this unholy business may bé promptly decreed and persistently enforced.

We protest against the encroachments of the drinking customs into the ranks of polite society, and, call upon our membership everywhere to stand against such indecencies. The inconsiderate and often arrogant disregard of the conscientious scruples of temperance people by those who affect to social leadership merits the unqualified rebuke of all Christians, and calls for a united stand against all customs and amusements of debatable character, which are closely allied to the drink evil. We declare it to be our unfaltering purpose, by the use of every legitimate means and method, to seek the overthrow of the liquor traffic, the arch enemy of the home, the state and the nation. To this end we pledge ourselves to heartily co-operate to secure the enactment of better laws and to devote ourselves more unreservedly, if possible, to aid in their enforcement. Abhoring the license system as the sum of villainies, fastening upon society the festering sore of intemperance, we declare the ultimate aim of all our efforts shall be Prohibition for the State and total abstinence for the individual, and that our battle cry shall be "No saloons under the flag," until the Stars and Stripes shall stand for the prohibition of this traffic as it now stands for universal freedom.

G. T. NOTSON Secretary.

A. E. CARHART, Chairman.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We, your committee on the Woman's Home Missionary Society, beg to submit the following report, viz: Recognizing the great need of mission work in our cities and frontier settlements, and the efficient and self-sacrificing service rendered by the Woman's Home Missionary Society in their efforts to relieve the underpaid ministers and workers in these places, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we express our hearty gratitude and appreciation of their work and that we pledge them our hearty co-operation and support, by promoting missionary education, and by showing our interest in the society, by assisting in the organization of auxiliaries.

A. S. MASON, Chairman.

W. O. REDFIELD, Secretary.

AUDITING PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

We, your committee on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts, have examined the same and find them correct.

M. E. NICKERSON, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Your committe on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society reports the following:

1st. We are exceeding pleased with the splendid work this organization is doing among the needy white and colored people of the South.

2nd. We regard this work as fundamental to our national life in the elevation of this people educationally and rengiously.

3rd. We congratulate the society on the wisdom in setting apart Lincoln's birthday as a fitting time in which to present this cause throughout our Methodism.

4th. It is also suggested that pastors secure the Christian Educator in order to be able to present the claims of the society to the best advantage.

5th. Therefor, Resolved, that as Pastors we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure from our people the entire apportionment by earnestly placing before them the facts connected with this work

work.

LACHLAN MACLEAN, Chairman.

J. T. GURNEY, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

For thirty-three years the Board of Church Extension has been a potent factor in our church for the propagation of the Gospel, in assisting to provide places of worship for thousands of congregations who otherwise would be churchless, when we consider what has al-

ready been done and the great work that still remains to be done on our frontier, we earnestly pledge our hearty support in every phase of this great work.

J. B. DIBBLE, Chairman.

HOSPITALS.

Your committee rejoices that the Methodist Episcopal Church is giving special attention to the erection and support of Hospitals in various parts of our land. We are especially glad that Asbury Hospital is within reach of our people, many of whom have in the past been treated there. \$70,000 have already been subscribed and put into a new building but \$130,000 more is needed for its completion. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we as pastors continue to heartily cooperate in this worthy cause and hereby pledge ourselves to open our churches to any representatives who may be sent in the interest of this Christlike cause.

It is also suggested that a column be added to our Conference Year Book Statistics for Asbury Hospital.

LACHLAN MACLEAN, Chairman.

JAS. S. HARKNESS, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Whereas, The desecration of the Christian Sabbath is on the increase. This humiliating fact being evidenced by the carrying on of business, such as open stores, cutting and threshing grain, also hunting and fishing, and other forms of amusements, and what is worse, holding street fairs, in some places, that bring with them the rifraff of society, entailing on the community a moral blight that it will take years to efface; Business men and sometimes professed Christian men, for the sake of a few paltry dollars even soliciting these things with all their damning influences to come into their towns; The Railroad Companies joining with them, pouring into these places by means of their Sunday excursions, the thousands of people from the smaller and rural districts; these excursions being patronized by professing Christians of every name and order. Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the time has come when the pulpit and press should thunder forth to the awakening of the deadened conscience, bringing men face to face with God's law, that which if a man break, he shall not go unpunished. For, the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Remembering France and other nations, that have trifled with the Divine decrees to their own hurt. Realizing in all our work that this increasing desecration has its origin not in disrespect for the sacredness of the day, but disregard for God's authority;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That we will in private council and personal example, do all in our power to stem this awful tide of evil, praying God for that tenderness of conscience and reverence for Divine authority that will make us afraid to do wrong.

J. E. NORVELL, Secretary.

F. T. NICHOLLS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

Your committe respectfully submit the following:

We note with pleasure the continued improvement in our Sunday School periodicals and lesson helps which we commend to all our Sunday Schools as the best obtainable.

We recommend that increased attention be given to the cause represented by the Sunday School Union and that the collection be increased; that a collection be taken in each congregation and at least one collection in each Sunday School for the work of the Sunday School Union, in starting and sustaining Sunday Schools. That Rally Day, the second Sunday in October, or a Sunday near that date, be observed in all our Sunday Schools.

We also recommend the starting of the Cradle Roll and the forming of the Home Department in connection with each school, also that as far as possible all Sunday Schools be graded and that in every case our Sunday School periodicals be used.

Believing that more general use of tracts will help advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, we earnestly hope that our Pastors and workers will avail themselves of the opportunity so liberally offered by the Tract Society and Book Concern for an increased circulation of these leaves from the Tree of life and that the collection should be greatly increased.

J. C. DUVAL, Secretary.

E. E. DEAN, Chairman.

CHURCH LITERATURE

Since this is an age in which the land is flooded with literature much of which is harmful and pernicious, be it Resolved,

- 1. That we commend to all our people the books and periodicals of our Book Concern, which in their quality are not surpassed by those of any other publishing house in the world.
- 2. That we urge our pastors to make every possible effort to introduce the Northwestern Christian Advocate and the Epworth Herald into every Methodist home and our splendid Sunday School literature into every Methodist Sunday School.

W. L. MEINZER, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your committe respectfully submit the following report:

We believe that ignorance is one of the greatest foes to the advancement of Christianity and in no case is this more true than in lines of benevolent enterprises; and in none, perhaps more, is there greater ignorance than concerning the great work of the American Bible Society. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we inform our people better concerning its work and where possible have committees on American Bible Society and get tracts and other information from the Bible house for distribution among the people.

2. That each pastor fix early in the year a definite day to preach on the Bible in relation to Missionary work and the American Bible Society and take a collection.

LOUIS L. LANE, Chairman.
F. J. NORTON, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

- 1. We are gratified over the success of the two Epworth Assemblies maintained under the auspices of our church, viz: The South Dakota Epworth Assembly of Huron and the Canton Epworth Assembly, but would suggest that the dates of holding these Assemblies be so arranged that there shall be no apparant conflict or competition.
- 2. We would recommend that these organizations bearing the the name of the Epworth League emphasize the work of the League without detracting from the high character of the program in other respects.
- 3. We would further recommend that we urge the Epworth League Reading Course upon the attention of our people, also that so far as possible Bible Study and Mission Classes in our Epworth Leagues be organized.
- 4. We recommend the Epworth Herald as the most efficient agent in stimulating our leaguers to their best endeavor for Christ and His Church.
- 5. We further recommend that a convention be held in each District this year in order that a greater interest be created in our Epworth League work.

 E. E. DEAN, Chairman.

J. W. TAYLOR, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

Education is emphasized today as never before. Highest success in any calling demands the equipment of well trained mind and hand. Its importance is shown in recent statistics which show that out of 11,500 representing the current activities of the entire country

70 per cent are college graduates, and 25 per cent have been trained in high schools, seminaries, etc., while only 5 per cent have received but the common school education. We would therefore urge upon our people the importance of giving their children the fullest opportunities for their highest development.

The church emphasizes education, not for the end of the personal gratification and advantage of the individual, but for the nobler and truer end of fuller equipment for service for the Master. The selection of a school, then, becomes a great importance. Schools with low moral atmosphere, where infidel and atheistic influences taint all the surroundings are to be shunned, for, while they may equip the young for the selfish successes of life, they rob them of the highest and true end of education and of life. Since these things are so, we exhort our members to prayerfully see to it that their young people are sent only to those schools where the moral and religious atmosphere gives tone and vigor to all the educational attainments.

We heartily commend our own college at Mitchell, whose wise management and marked success has placed it well to the front in our state. Dr. Graham has labored hard and faithfully and has been supported by an able and self-sacrificing faculty. The student life of the institution has been enthusiastic, and in the state oratorical contest has won distinguished honors.

The Memorial building is being pushed as rapidly as funds will warrant. About \$20,000 have already been pledged and it is hoped that this Conference will adopt some measure to bring to a speedy consummation this most desirable project. The financial showing of the Institution which is free from debt, is as follows:

| Receipts for the last year | \$14,774 |
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| Disbursements for the last year | 13,888 |
| Estimated expenses for coming year | 15,000 |
| Estimated income | 15,250 |
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| New building fund from the beginning: | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Total subscriptions | \$19,500 |
| Total collections | 8,263 |
| Paid out | 6,607 |
| Cash on hand | 1,662 |

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the church through the Board of education. We especially approve the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, and unreservedly commend it to the benevolence of our people, particularly to those who are able to make large gifts.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the discipline.

We commend the officers of the Board for their energy in collecting loans, and we urge all beneficiaries within our own Conference to make as prompt payment as possible. We commend the Christian Student and the Cokesbury Guild to all our people. We are especially pleased that the board of education proposes to celebrate the bi-centenary of John Wesley's birth, and we promise our own hearty co-operation.

Your committe make the following recommendations:

- 1. Visitors to Dakota University. J. W. Taylor, O. W. Butterfield, D. E. Murray, J. S. Harkness and W. S. Shepherd.
- 2. Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute. W. H. Jordan and N. A. Swickard.
- 3. That \$3,000 be apportioned to the charges of the Conference as the regular educational collection for the University.
- 4. That the following persons be elected to the board of members as the class of 1907. D. Rifenbark, F. A. Duncan, S. E. Morris, A. C. as the case of 1907. D. Rifenbark, F. A. Duncan, S. E. Morris, W. S. Shepherd.
- 5. We recommend Dr. J. C. Bigelow for Field Secretary for the University for the special work in the interest of the Century Memorial Hall.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We note with gratitude the aggressive work of this Society which has resulted in an increased number of auxiliaries and largely increased collections in our Conference during the past year.

Recognizing the importance of this Society in its supplementary relation to the work of the parent organization, we pledge our hearty co-operation in helping organize and maintain auxiliaries among our people.

CHARLES O. WALKER, Chairman.

I. P. POTTER, Secretary.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

We, your Committe on Conference Claimants, make the following report:

| RESOURCES. | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| From collections | \$1,129.00 |
| Dividends from Book Concern | 279.00 |
| Dividends from Chartered Fund | 22.00 |
| Profits from Publishing Minutes | 65.00 |
| Interest on Permanent Fund | 75.00 |
| Total | e1 570 00 |

| DISTRIBUTION | TO | CLAIMANTS. |
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| Mrs. Hoadley\$ | 100.00 |
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| Mrs. A. Burdick | 150.00 |
| Lewis Hartsough | 200.00 |
| T. Wilkinson | 100.00 |
| Mrs. A. B. Curl | 105.00 |
| Sanford Washburn | 100.00 |
| S. F. Brown | 105.00 |
| Wm. Underwood | 125.00 |
| J. G. Hall | 250.00 |
| H. M. Springer | 100.00 |
| W. O. Gram | 100.00 |
| Total | 1 570 00 |
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W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

M. E. NICKERSON, Secretary.

AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have examined said accounts and vouchers and find them to be correct.

W. F. MINTY, Chairman.

LOUIS L. LANE, Secretary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

| The Board of Trustees submit the following report: |
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| In Trust Fund, in form of notes\$1,211.10 |
| In Cash, on Time Deposit |
| Interest Due |
| Total\$1,491.29 |
| Paid into Conference Claimants' Fund (Interest) \$75.46 |
| O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman. |
| J. B. DIBBLE. Secretary. |

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the members of the Dakota Annual Conference, feel under renewed obligations to our Heavenly Father for his bountiful provisions and increased prosperity in the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church during the past year. We desire to express our gratitude to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, and pray for a continuance of His loving kindness unto us, which is better than life.

We rejoice that through the kind Providence of God, and the authorities of the Church we have been favored with the return of our

beloved Bishop Goodsell, after an absence of ten years in the work of the Church in our own and foreign lands, and in preserving his life and permitting him to enjoy almost perfect health during all the decade. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our great appreciation of the presence of our beloved Bishop and of his faithful and helpful administration and pray that his transfer to the land of eternal joy and blissful life may be long delayed, in order that he may continue to assist in the further progress of the kingdom of God on earth and add many more stars to his eternal crown.

RESOLVED, That we are gratified at the presence of the Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, and hereby express our heartfelt appreciation of his addresses and assure him that his visit has proven an inspiration to us all. We trust that he will avail himself of the earliest opportunity to visit us again, that we may have the pleasure of greeting and hearing him upon the great interests committed to his care.

RESOLVED, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Madison and the pastor of this church and his beloved companion for the very kind and cordial reception and splendid entertainment we have received and unitedly ask the blessing of Heaven to abide with them evermore.

OLIVER WILLIAMS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.

Report of a meeting of a committee from the several Districts to arrange a plan to present to the Dakota Annual Conference, October 2, 1902, and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Object: To increase our Conference Claimant's Fund.

Present: P. E.'s, J. O. Dobson, J. P. Jenkins, D. Rifenbark, Bros. W. O. Redburn, W. S. Shepherd, G. F. Hopkins, not members of Committee: H. S. Wilkinson and A. C. Shepherd. Meeting was held in the Huron M. E. Church, February 6th, 1902.

J. P. Jenkins was chosen Chairman, G. F. Hopkins, Secretary.

On motion, the plan of collecting funds used by the New York East Conference was recommended to the Dakota Conference as the most feasible for use.

It consists of five sources of revenue, viz:

- 1. Collection from Churches.
- 2. Dividends from Book Concern.
- 3. Dividends from Chartered Fund.
- 4. Receipts from Trust (Permanent) Fund. (Through Legacies, Bequests, Special Subscriptions, etc.)
 - 5. The Pro-rata Assessment of 1 per cent. of Salary, exclusive of

house rent, to all members of the Conference. (The proceeds of this Fund to be united with our present Permanent Fund.)

It was further agreed that for five years, by a graduated scale there be deducted from amounts paid by members of the Conference, for necessitous cases, the following per cents. viz: The first year 25 per cent. of the amounts paid by each pastor, the second year 20 per cent., the third year 15 per cent., the fourth year 10 per cent. and the fifth year 5 per cent. After the fifth year all amounts from this source be placed in the Permanent Fund.

On motion, that we request the Annual Conference to appoint a Secretary each year who will keep a separate record of each Member of the Conference and all the amounts as annually paid to the fund by them, so that when these become Conference Claimants they may only draw from the fund raised by the 1 per cent. of pastors' salary in proportion to the amount paid in.

On motion, the committee suggests that the Conference place a man in the field to secure subscriptions, bequests, legacies, etc., to very largely increase our Conference Claimants' Funds and thus render them far more efficient.

On motion, the Secretary of this Committee shall present this report to the Annual Conference, 1902.

J. P. JENKINS, Chairman, GEO. F. HOPKINS, Secretary.

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE 1904.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Dakota Annual Conference, do hereby memoralize the General Conference of the M. E. Church of the year 1904, to make all necessary arrangements to establish a Connectional Conference Claimants' Fund Society, which shall administer all funds obtained by Collections, Subscriptions, Bequests, Legacies, or other means, so that each and all Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall receive annual allowances according to a fixed graded scale proportionate to the number of years spent in the active work of the ministry of our Church.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

- Tuesday, September 30, 7:30 p. m.—Lecture: "Rambling Yankee in Europe," W. H. Jordan, D. D.
- Wednesday, October 1st, 7:30 p. m.—Conference Claimants, Anniversary, Oliver Williams, Chairman. Addresses by N. A. Swickard, Lachlan McLean, and J. O. Dobson.
- Thursday, October 2d, 2:30 p. m.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. R. B. Hager, Chairman. Reports of work by Mesdames Rifenbark, Hager and Jenkins.
 - 4:30 p. m.—Conference Missionary Sermon, Rev. W. L. Meinzer.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Educational Anniversary, W. H. Jordan, Chairman. Addressed by J. C. Bigelow and President W. I. Graham.
- Friday, October 3rd, 3 p. m.—Evangelistic Services, N. A. Swickard, Chairman, Sermon by L. V. Slocumb.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Sunday School Union, F. T. Nicholls, Chairman. Address by Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D. LL. D.
- Saturday, October 4th, 2:30 p. m.—Woman's Home Missionary Society. Deaconess and Hospital Work. Address by Deaconess Adeline Houston.
 - 4 p. m.—Lecture, How to Interest Men in the Church, by Dr. T. B. Neely, D. D. LL. D.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Lachlan McLean, Chairman, Address by T. H. Youngman, D. D.
- Sunday, October 4, 9 a.m.—Conference Love Feast led by Rev. T. H. Youngman.
 - 10:30 a.m.—Conference Sermon by Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, D. D. / LL. D.
 - 2:30 p. m.—Memorial Service, A. Jamieson, Chairman. Memoirs of Mrs. Dora Squires Meinzer and Helen A. Williams read by J. O. Dobson and W. S. Shepherd.
 - 3:30 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, D. D. LL. D.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Missionary Anniversary, S. J. Watson, Chairman. Address by Dr. W. L. King, Presiding Elder Hydrabad District, South India Conference.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSIONS AND CONFERENCE.

| Da | Date Place. | | Place. President | | Secretary | |
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| Sept., | 1880 | Yankton | Bishop Warren | 1050 | Wm. McCready | |
| Oct., | 1881 | | Bishop Hurst | 1366 | Wm. McCready | |
| | 1882 | | Bishop Merrill. | 1504 | Wm. McCready | |
| | | Huron | Bishop Simpson | 2782 | D. Rifenbark | |
| | 1884 | | Bishop Andrews | 4469 | D. Rifenbark | |
| | 1885 | | Bishop Foss | 5209 | A. R. Boggs | |
| | | Watertown | Bishop Bowman | 6565 | A. R. Boggs | |
| | 1887 | | Bishop Fowler | 8225 | A. R. Boggs | |
| • • | | Yankton | | 9474 | A. R. Boggs | |
| | 1889 | | Bishop Vincent | 10526 | W. H. Jordan | |
| • • | 1890 | | Bishop FitzGerald | 9663 | G. D. Cleworth | |
| • • | 1891 | | Bishop Foss | 9006 | A. W. Adkinson | |
| • • | 1892 | | Bishop Goodsell | 9170 | A. W. Adkinson | |
| • • | 1893 | | Bishop Ninde | 9747 | G. D. Cleworth | |
| • • | 1894 | | Bishop Fowler | 10094 | G. D. Cleworth | |
| • • | 1895 | Aberdeen | Bishop Joyce | 9510 | C. H. Smith | |
| | 1896 | | Bishop Vincent | 9335 | J. P. Jenkins | |
| • • | 1897 | Mitchell | Bishop Warren | 9269 | J. P. Jenkins | |
| • • | 1898 | | Bishop McCabe | 10429 | J. P. Jenkins | |
| • • | 1899 | | Bishop Hurst | 10960 | J. P. Jenkins | |
| • • | 1900 | | Bishop Merrill | 11324 | G. T. Notson | |
| • • | 1901 | Milbank | Bishop Foss | 11430 | G. T. Notson | |
| • • | 1902 | | Bishop Goodsell | 11356 | G. T. Notson | |

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

| Name. | Place of Death | Time of Death | Age | Years in Min- istry | |
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| John M. Rust Thomas S. Williams Wm. H. Hoadley T. S. Hunt Wm. H. Affleck Wm. Vivian Chas. B. Gilbert Stanley S. Smith Ira A. Sparks Wm. Wesley Brown Geo. B. Dodd A. R. Boggs Oliver H. Sproul Francis A. Burdick H. T. Curl | Huron, Dakota Aurora, Indiana Leeds, England San Fernando, Cal. Armour, South Dakota Thomasburg, Ontario Colman, South Dakota | 1895 1899 1899 1900 | 41 50 51 57 76 45 29 32 36 64 53 48 60 | 8 | Effective Effective Supernumerary Effective Supernumerary Effective Supernumerary Effective Effective Supernumerary Effective Supernumerary Effective Superannuate Superannuate Superannuate Superannuate |

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| Allison J. D | 1891 | South Dakota | 1891 | Probation | Eff 've. | Castlewood |
| Baker, Frank | 1894 | South Dakota | 1894 | Probation | Sup' y. | Chicago, Ill |
| Beavis, R. B | 1902 | Dakota: | 1902 | Probation | Eff've | Dell Rapid |
| Boyce, O. E Bromaghim, F. L | 1895 | South Dakota | 1895 | Probation | Eff 've. | Devo |
| Brown, G. D Brown, S. F | 1897 | South Dakota | 1897 | Probation | Eff've. | Wessington Spgs |
| Brown, S. F | 1866 | Wyoning | 1885 | Charter Mbr | Supt | Bango |
| Bunt, P. O | 1892 | Dakota | 1892 | Probation | Eff 've. | Rar |
| Jase, F. F | 1902 | Dakota | 1902 | Probation | Eff've. | Woonsocke |
| Chamberlain, D. W! | | N. W. lowa | 1885 | Charter Mbr. | Sunt | I. Scotland |
| Chappell, E. S | 1891 | Dakota | 1891 | Probation | Eff've. | Sioux Fall |
| lave. W. A | 1901 | Dakota | 1901 | Probation | Eff've. | Repolating |
| Coon, H. S Cooper. C. T | 1897 | Dakota | 1897 | Probation | Eff've. | Kampesk |
| Cooper. C. T | 1900 | New York | 1901 | Transfer | Eff 've. | Faulkto |
| Corwin, G. J. | 1801 | Dakota | 1801 | Probation | En ve. | Sonttle Wash |
| Cory, W. H | 1864 | Iowa | 1900 | Transfer | Eff ve. | Deadwood |
| Jean, E. E | 1896 | Dakota | 1896 | Probation | Eff 've. | Warne |
| Jeeble, W. D | 1888 | Dakota | 1888 | Probation | Eff 'va | Rritto |
| Dempsey, R. H Dibble, J. B | 1890 | North Minn | 1890 | Probation | Supy. | Dolane |
| Jobson, J. U. * | 1880 | Upper Iowa | 1895 | Transfer | Eff 've. | Huro |
|)u Val. J. C | 1894 | West Neb | 1899 | Transfer | Eff've. | Hurle |
| Ehlers, W. C Fox Frank | 1901 | Dakota | 1901 | Probation | Eff've. | Henr |
| raham, W. I | 1900 | Dakota | 1900 | Probation | Eff 've. | Bat |
| ram, W. O | 1893i | Dakota. | 1893 | Probation - | Smnt | Rat |
| reene. W. A | 1897 | Dakota | 1897 | Probation | Eff've. | Platt |
| inrnev. J. T | 1896 | Detroit | 1900 | Transfer | Eff 've | Alnon |
| Hager, C. E *, | 1919 | North Dakota | 1896 | Transfor | Eff 've. | A harden |
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| lopkins, G. F | 1888 | British Col | 1893 | Credentials | Eff 've. | Flandrea |
| ngersoli, P. S | 1899 | Dakota | 1899 | Probation | Eff've. | Selb |
| amieson, Aanes, A. P | 1872 | N. W. Iowa | 1885 | Charter Mbr. | Eff 've. | Beresfor |
| engins, a. P | 1880 | Dakota . | 1884 | Probation | HITT TO | Siony Eall |
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| ordan, W. H | 1887 | Dakota | 1887 | Probation | Eff ve. | Sioux Fall |
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| night, H. F | 1883 | Wisconsin | 1891 | Transfer. | Sup'v | Clear Lak |
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| err, D. S | 1893 | Dakota | 1893 | Prabation | Eff've. | Tacoma, Wash |
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| Iason, A. S | 1892 | Rock River | 1899 | Transfer | Eff 've. | Mellett |
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| facLean, L 1 | 897 | Dakota | 1897 | Probation | Eff. A6 | Alceste |
| linty, W. F | 877 | Rock River | 1885 | Charter Mbr. | Eff 've. | Elk Poin |
| leinzer. W. L | 1889 | Dakota | 1889 | Probation | Eff 've. | Gunnis Lake, Eng |
| lickerson, M. E | 885 | N. W.·Iowa | 1885 | Charter Mbr | Eff 've. | Wakond |
| forton, F. J | 885 | N W Town | 1885 | Charter Mbr | Eff. vo. | Northvill Dolan |
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^{*} Presiding Elder.

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| Redfield. W. O | 1889 1890 1885 1896 1901 1898 1898 1898 1892 1864 1893 1804 1863 1894 1893 1894 1893 1894 1893 1894 1893 1894 | Dakota N W. Iowa Cent. N. Y Dakota Dakota Dakota Dakota Dakota Dakota Upper Iowa Dakota W. Wisconsin Dakota Kansas Genesee Detroit Dakota Dakota Rock River Can. Weslyn Rock River Des Moines Prim. Meth Upper Iowa Dakota Dakota | 1897 1890 1885 1991 1896 1898 1898 1896 1885 1896 1885 1896 1887 1887 1887 1896 1896 1896 1896 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 | Transfer Probation Charter Mbr Transfer Probation Probation Probation Probation Probation Charter Mbr Probation Charter Mbr Probation Transfer Transfer Probation Readmission. Charter Mbr Transfer Probation Readmission. Charter Mbr Transfer Transfer Transfer Transfer Transfer Transfer Transfer Transfer Probation Transfer Probation Transfer Probation Transfer Probation Transfer Probation | Sup'y. Eff 've. Supt Eff 've. | White Lak Haze Centervill Aberdee Canto Vermillio Deadwood Scotlan White Lak Heber, Ark Chicago, Ill Sioux Fall Mt. Vernon, Ia Huro Milban Langfor |

^{*} Presiding Elder.

PROBATIONERS.

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| | Conference | Year | | |
| Butterfield, O. W | N. W. Iowa | | | Groton |
| Hyde, O. M Murray, D. E | Dakota | | | Hazel |
| Murray, D. E | Dakota | | | Iroquois |
| MacBeth, P. H | Dakota | 1901 | Second Year | Dogmod |
| Preston. Henry Slocumb, L. V | Pakota | 1001 | Second Year. | Achtor |
| Stiles, B. F. | Dakota | 1000 | Second Vear | Rlunt |
| Ward, A. M | Dakota | 1900 | Second Year | Frederick |
| Weston, P. H | Dakota | 1901 | Second Year. | Mt. Vernon, Ia |
| Crowther, James | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Parkstor |
| Hastings, H. L | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | |
| Mason, Wm | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Fulton |
| McLean, A. C | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Highmore |
| McKinney, J. E | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Lod |
| Smith, H. W | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Gayville |
| Tarleton, R. E | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Garretson |
| Van DerVoort, R. J | Dakota | 1902 | First Year | Hudsor |

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

| W. H. JORDAN, ChairmanSioux Falls |
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| G. F. HOPKINS, The Chairman, |
| A. C. Shepherd, RegistrarCanton |
| T. H. YOUNGMAN,Mitchell |
| W. S. Shepherd, |
| H. S. WILKINSON, |
| S. J. Watson, |
| N. A. SWICKARD, |
| A. P. Janes, |
| W. D. DeebleBritton |
| J. W. TAYLOR,Vermillion |
| J. B. DIBBLE,Parker |

1—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the Cabinet, and appointed by the presiding Bishop.

The Board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose term of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one, two, three, and four years respectively, and thereafter for four successively; each Examiner being eligible for successive re-appointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Chairman of the Board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of Examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

2-OFFICERS.

The board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these officers.

The work of the Secretary shall also include the keeping of a per-

manent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the Board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

3-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the Board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between Board meetings.

4—REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year, as follows:

- 1. At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session, if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various examinations, and other work in connection there with should be assigned definitely to the several members of the Board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the Board.
- 2. A mid-year meeting, to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates, and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance, for adequate cause, by the Chairman of the Board.

At this meeting, examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books or subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises will be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting the Board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at District meetings.

3. The board of Examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study

related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5—SYSTEMATIC STUDY.

It shall be one duty of the Board to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four-years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as is practicable, the examiners shall give to the under-graduates and others suggestions and instructions with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the Board is instructed to examine first in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any examiner, he shall forward his lists of questions to the Chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

Candidates are required to make syllabi of the books assigned to be read, certify that they prepared them independently, as the result of their own reading, not merely following the table of contents. All essays, sermons, and syllabi shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on text-books and subjects, as are reserved for the third meeting of the board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

8-GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade, upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed, in seventy per cent, on each study or subject.

Candidates for local Deacons' or Elders' Orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each Examiner shall forward to the Secretary, as soon as practi-

cable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates and grades of each candidate; and the Secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits. On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the examiner, the Secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the result of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Board, as well as the candidate.

9-APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any Examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10-MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent and equivalent among in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

11—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The undergraduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the Secretary of the Board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money, the Secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination. At the third meeting of the Board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Secretary.

12—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the Secretary of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the Secretary so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to Examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, and if thought necessary, the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by a vote of the Conference.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

ADDENDA.

1—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The Chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the Annual Conference examination.

2-SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room, separate from the church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

3-GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the Board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

4-RECOGNITION CARD.

At the opening of the Annual Conference examinations, each candidate shall present to the Chairman a certificate from the Registrar of standing in the mid-year tests; also, of fee paid. This shall entitle him to a recognition card, signed by the Chairman, to be shown to each Examiner from whom work is desired.

5-SPECIAL ADVICE.

- 1. Examiners are expected as far as desirable to assist students in their work. Students should report progress and pursue studies under general directions of examiners. No student will be permitted to take any examinations in advance of the year until all the work of the year has been completed.
- 2. At least one-half of the studies are required at the mid-year examination.
- 3. Examiners and students should read in Discipline, Appendix 56-60, also in Conference Minutes, "Plans and Rules for Examinations."
- 4. Requirements for syllabi should be presented to students as early as February 1st of each year.
- 5. The Registrar should receive reports from Examiners of all studies presented, grading on a scale of 100 all papers on such studies. All syllabi, sermons, and essays that are accepted shall be graded a, b, or c, which shall represent the following values; a, 100 to 90; b, 90 to 80; c, 80 to 70.
- 6. Each student should remit an examination fee of one dollar to the Registrar before the time of mid-year examinations.

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examinations thereon, the plans and methods given above shall be followed, subject to revision and amendments. By order of the Conference.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS.

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One half of the syliabi work required at the mid-year examination.

Memoirs.

MRS HELEN A. WILLIAMS.

Helen Adaline Robertson, wife of Rev. Oliver Williams, was born near Waupun, Wis., October 11, 1846, and died at Scotland, S. D., January 9, 1902, of bronchial pneumonia. She was married to Rev. Oliver Williams, then of the Minnesota Conference, May 1st, 1878. In 1892 they came to the Dakota Conference and were stationed at Plankinton. In 1895 they were appointed to Milbank and in 1899 to Scotland. Three children were born to them, one dying in infancy. Ella May and Oliver Paul, seniors in Dakota University, survive her to mourn her departure. In 1866 she was happily converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of Blue Earth City Minn. From that time until her death, her face was set as a flint toward God. Her Christian character was a beautiful exemplification of the life of her Divine Master. It was her meat and drink to do the will of her Father. Her life was a continual sacrifice offered up for the sake of others. To know her was to love her, and those who knew her best loved her most. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and an earnest and faithful toiler in the Master's vineyard. Like her sainted mother, who passed on to the Heavenly home two days before her, she was not afraid to die. Her preparation for life proved to be sufficient preparation for death. She rejoiced in the thought of going home and her only regret in going was in leaving her husband, her two children and her "little tots" as she called her primary class in Sunday School. Almost her last concern was "who shall care for my little tots." For days before her death she suffered much on account of the filling up of her lungs but through all of her suffering there was never heard a word of murmuring. In her closing moments, she rested as sweetly as a sleeping babe. She did not struggle, she did not die, she was translated. She was not, for God took her.

Memorial services were held at the parsonage in Scotland, Presiding Elder C. E. Hager, officiating. A large number of friends accompanied the bereaved husband and children to the train as they left for Blue Earth, Minnnesota, with the remains for burial. Final services were held from the home of a sister, Mrs. Samuel Schuler, January 15th, 1902, conducted by Rev.

C. A. Lawson, pastor of the Methodist Church. The remains were laid to rest by the side of her sleeping babe, on the same lot with her father, mother and sisters.

MRS. DORA SQUIRES MEINZER.

Mrs. Meinzer, whose maiden name was Dora Jane Squires, was born in East Fairfield, Vermont, November 17, 1866. When she was only fifteen years old her mother died and four years later she lost her father also. After finishing her common school education she took a course in St. Albans Academy and then engaged in teaching which profession she followed for ten years. On account of lung trouble which threatened to lead to consumption she went to Trinidad, Colorado, in 1889. Here she lived with a brother for nearly two years. She then came to South Dakota and became principal of the public school of Delmont, near which place she had two brothers living at the time. From here she went to Armour where she accepted a position in the public schools. It was here that she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and became an active worker in the same.

In the fall of 1894, Mr. Meinzer, having just finished his college education, was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Armour. Mrs. Meinzer was at this time serving as Sunday School Superintendent. On the 31st of December, 1895, Miss Squires and Rev. Meinzer were united in marriage in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Armour, Rev. A. R. Boggs officiating, assisted by the Congregational and Baptist pastors of the community.

Mrs. Meinzer was a most faithful, hard working, self-sacrificing pastor's wife. Never did a pastor have a more devoted helpmeet. Her whole heart was in the work of the church, her whole life was devoted to the Master's cause. Her ambition was ever greater than her strength. For years she was the superintendent of the Junior Jeague, much of the time a teacher in the Sunday School, and always a hard worker in the Epworth League and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies. She had especial skill in leading and managing the young.

Mrs. Meinzer was a woman of large ability, and on several occasions, when circumstances made it necessary filled her husband's pulpit very acceptably, although she always shrank from this kind of work, being naturally of a modest disposition. She was a woman possessed of large common sense, and great tact. To her, Christianity was a practical thing, consisting of a life of usefulness and helpfulness to fellowmen.

Mrs. Meinzer was never a strong woman physically, and a few months ago it was discovered that the dread disease of cancer was at work in her system. An operation was attempted in Asbury Hospital which ended fatally. She died April 15th, 1902, five days after the operation. The funeral services were held at Redfield, conducted by Presiding Elder J. O. Dobson, assisted by Rev. Saxton and the local

pastors and the remains were laid to rest in the Redfield Cemetery. She leaves behind a husband, five brothers, one adopted sister and a large number of true friends, for Mrs. Meinzer had the disposition that makes friends and wherever she was known, she was greatly respected and deeply loved by all. She passed away in the midst of life's usefulness to receive her everlasting reward and wear her crown in Glory.

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| 72 | \$227 | 98 | \$235 | \$1832 | \$1195 | |

| | · . | | F | Pastor | s Sup | port. | | | Supp | ľ | Supp | port | : Pastors, Pre- and Bishops. | | fere imar | | Cur. Expe | rent nses. |
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| | | . 0 | laims | | R | eceipt | s. | | Preside Elde | | | iops. | Pasto nd Bi | Re | c'd om. | | c, | |
| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor. | Salary. | House Rent. | 'rotal | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Deficiency. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Total Support siding Elders | Collections. | Other Sources. | Total. | Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc. | Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc. |
| Alexandria Armour Artesian Bard Brid Canistota Chamberlain Fairfax Fulton Geddes Howard Kimball LaRoche Leicher Mitchell Parkston and Ethan Mount Vernon Plankinton Platte Salem Scotland Springfield Tripp and Delmont Tyndall White Lake Woonsocket | S. A. Ohappell. M. E. Nickerson. G. S. Davis. C. M. Knight. I. B. Sevy A. W. Thurston J. C. Baker. G. J. Corwin R. N. Kratz. W. W. Havens. H. K. Wallis. T. A. Miller John W. Weaverling. W. P. Slocum T. H. Youngman I. P. Hathaway I. P. Potter. A. P. Janes A. E. Carhart. W. S. Shepherd. Oliver Williams. Wm. Mason Jas. Crowther Thos. Stamp. J. T. Gurney F. F. Case. | \$800 650 700 390 500 600 800 500 340 350 1100 600 600 600 600 500 500 500 5 | \$120 100 100 100 65 120 100 75 200 120 70 100 72 120 \$1770 | 500 595 800 572 920 | \$800 650 709 390 447 370 603 611 600 500 340 350 1100 474 600 900 523 532 500 500 500 600 675 600 800 500 600 600 600 600 600 600 6 | 70 100 72 120 | 572 | \$53 210 126 | 50 50 40 64 44 40 54 40 50 | \$62 50 40 277 488 350 500 288 211 322 130 566 500 40 40 50 40 50 81187 | \$8 6 5 4 5 3 16 4 4 6 6 4 8 7 7 5 6 6 6 6 8 7 6 6 6 6 7 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 | 11 44 5 25 25 31 44 44 48 4 | 801 947 426 487 497 721 184 650 642 653 471 25 460 1446 534 1172 849 568 663 663 | 8 12 14 6 16 8 4 6 3 11 11 | | \$16 5 1 8 8 6 6 8 8 6 8 8 6 8 8 6 8 8 8 6 12 14 16 16 16 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 | \$100 60 45 50 25 125 125 100 90 50 25 250 86 89 100 85 133 70 70 70 70 59 200 | 58 45 15 50 100 40 25 20 40 140 65 35 86 25 38 445 50 40 50 |
| Total | | \$14405 | \$1770 | \$16175 | \$14305 | \$1870 | \$16175 | \$589 | \$1163 | \$1187 | \$134 | \$110 | \$17472 | \$227 | \$8 | \$235 | \$1832 | \$11 |

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| Names of Charges. | Church. | Sunday School. | Total. | Board of Ch. Extension. | Sunday School Union. | Tract Society. | Freedm'n's Ai and Southern Educ'n Soc'y. | Pub. Educ. Collect'ns. | Children's Fund. | American Bible Society | Woman's F'gn Missy Society. | Wom'n's Home Missy Society. | Tctal Other Beuov. Colls. | Conference Claimants. | Episcopal Fund. | Total. | Century Memorial Hall. | Church In- debtedness. |
| Alexandria. Armour. Artesian. Bard Bridgewater and Riverside. Canistota. Chamberlain. Fairfax. Fulton. Geddes. Howard. Kimball LaRoche. Letcher. Mitchell Parkston and Ethen. Mount Vernon Plankinton. Platte. Salem Scotland. Springfield. Tripp and Deimont. Tyndall. White Lake Woonsocket City of Mitcheli. Other Sources. | 805 49 12 165 41 120 15 5 61 8 33 30 20 265 30 60 40 40 25 410 15 17 110 15 15 17 110 | 7 5 35 | 12 165 411 20 22 5 61 13 33 25 30 30 60 50 66 42 | 22 50 50 50 13 4 4 | 3 | \$ 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 | \$ 6 1 7 100 4 4 | 15 25 30 12 | 15 6 2 15 6 14 12 4 12 4 3 2 17 | 5 | *\$799 1 2 227 14 14 18 1 20 | i | \$ 47 84 46 40 65 32 24 2 8 5 95 28 18 34 76 | \$ 16 1 1 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 5 5 6 2 2 4 4 5 8 8 12 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 | \$ 81 11 4 5 2 53 44 66 64 48 55 77 25 66 | 88 136 148 125 230 79 78 201 80 | \$180 74 2 42 50 100 101 110 85 85 200 128 190 76 8300 2131 | \$500 250 50 100 669 556 511 100 1044 350 1252 |
| Totai | \$2024 | \$176 | \$2200 | \$167 | \$10 | \$11 | \$103 | \$601 | \$91 | \$11 | \$1096 | \$1 | \$729 | \$231 | \$110 | \$ 5361 | +\$12,237 | \$7382 |

^{*\$750} of the above is a bequest. † Outside of Davison County, \$1806. ‡\$1500 of the above is a bequest.

| | Chu | rch M | ember | ship | Bapt | isms | | C | hur | ch Pro | perty | | | | | | Su | nda | y Scho | ools. | | |
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| Names of Charges. | No. Probationers. | No. Full Members. | No. Local Pr'ch'rs. | No. Deaths. | No. Children Baptized. | No. Adults Baptized. | No. Churches. | Probable Value. | No. Parsonages. | Probable Value. | Paid for Bld'g and Impr'v'g Ch'ches and Parsonages. | Paid on old Indebt- edness on Church Property. | Present Indebted- ness on Church Property. | No. Schools. | No. Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars of all Grades. | Average Attendance. | No. Members in Home Dept. | No. Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers. | No. Scl'rs, wh'th'r Attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers. | No. Members of S. S. Converted during Year. | Current Expenses. |
| Alcester BenClare. Béresford. Canton Centerville. Colman. Colton Circuit Deli Rapids. Egan. Elk Point. Flandreau Flandreau Circuit Garretson Gayville. Harrisburg. Harrisburg. Hartford Hudson. Hurley. Lennox. Lodi. Madison Marion Junction Montrose Parker. Sioux Falls—First Church ' Jordan Church Vermilion Wakonda. Worthing. Yankton | 155 144 177 3 3 13 177 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 10 15 12 12 9 14 | 422 799 248 2110 433 600 1199 822 988 1088 411 400 664 1033 841 125 54 125 402 103 302 302 | 22 1 1 1 | 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 2 1 5 1 1 3 4 4 1 1 5 4 4 2 2 3 3 6 6 7 9 9 1 1 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 23 7 8 1 3 1 2 9 | 22222222112222222222211221221 | \$3200 1800 2000 6900 4400 3000 1200 3000 1300 4000 5000 2000 2700 3000 2700 3000 2000 3000 17000 4000 10000 27500 27500 2500 | | \$1000 1100 4000 1500 1500 1500 1500 1700 510 900 1000 1000 1000 5000 1500 3000 3000 | \$130 2000 100 200 1070 50 75 180 80 150 150 600 700 100 25 30 30 300 300 300 300 300 300 | 100 500 860 115 33 50 190 530 | 1025 500 200 50 200 509 210 225 245 300 350 2200 | 1 2 2 1 | 8 12 20 12 29 12 11 21 25 15 22 23 8 6 22 80 24 | 250 154 70 70 160 100 195 65 82 110 250 80 165 160 140 280 50 165 185 400 125 200 138 80 | 155 105 60 400 70 70 70 70 70 117 52 40 200 611 120 120 120 125 100 100 165 84 70 | 100 | 111 166 222 100 8 81 144 111 111 20 222 266 100 200 5 6 6 20 20 20 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 | 39 58 20 100 39 25 30 105 40 48 80 23 12 40 70 | 2 9 9 2 2 2 3 4 10 15 5 3 3 5 5 17 5 5 3 12 12 | 90 10 40 60 208 60 120 62 36 30 |
| Total | 238 | 3148 | 14 | 25 | 82 | 115 | 40 | \$106050 | 23 | \$34500 | \$9822 | \$3245 | \$6809 | 53 | 492 | 3979 | 2564 | 10 | 441 | 860 | 130 | \$1631 |

| | | | I | Pastor | 's Sup | port. | | | Supp | f | Supp | | Pas- Eld- | Cor | ifere | nce nts. | | erent enses. |
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| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor. | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Deficiencies. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Total Support: tors. Presiding ers and Bishop | Collections. | Other Sources. | Total. | Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc. | Sunday Schoo Lesson Leave Books, Etc. |
| Alcester BenClare. Beresford. Canton. *Centerville. Colman Colton Dell Rapids. Egan. Elk Point Flandreau circuit. Garretson. Gayville. Harrisburg. Hartford. Hudson. Hurley. Lennox. Lodi. Madison. Marion Junction. Montrose. Parker. Sioux Falls—First Church. Jordon Church. Vermillion Wakonda Worthing. | Lachlan MacLean. Jno. R. Stoney. A. Jamieson. A. C. Shepherd. J. E. Houlgate. John Jones Louis W. Scott. R. B. Beavis. Thos. A. Stamp. W. F. Minty Geo F. Hopkins. D. C. Arms. R. E. Tarleton. H. W. Smith. D. S. Kerr. W. O. Redfield. R. J. Vandervoort. J. C. DuVal. H. P. Eberhart. S. H. Shurtleff. C. E. Matteson. J. E. McKinney. H. L. Hastings. F. T. Nicholls. W. H. Jordan. S. T. Weaver. John W. Taylor John Kave. J. N. Oakley. J. B. Dibble | \$690 425 600 1000 500 500 600 720 975 190 450 540 605 630 650 300 1000 350 800 1600 575 430 570 | \$150 100 120 120 120 100 60 150 100 100 100 100 100 100 125 150 150 150 100 100 100 100 10 | 620 700 660 870 1125 190 522 640 705 775 300 1150 350 2100 550 1540 675 430 770 | | \$150 100 120 120 120 120 100 60 150 150 100 100 125 150 150 150 150 150 150 100 125 150 150 100 125 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10 | | \$82 25 78 32 20 | \$50 855 544 522 100 522 555 542 466 522 552 466 522 448 555 200 180 400 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 1 | \$50 355 544 522 555 74 20 302 523 546 522 444 48 55 20 90 180 150 45 20 36 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 | \$6 4 6 1 19 32 22 8 5 8 9 1 1 4 5 6 7 7 5 5 5 3 9 2 2 8 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | \$52 33 111 9 33 26 55 29 11 44 46 67 72 25 55 37 72 20 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 | 380 757 1196 993 675 1300 806 717 849 1208 179 556 676 6764 296 803 855 373 1247 370 1029 1029 1650 684 466 833 | 100 200 166 111 2 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1 | | \$14 \$10 20 16 11 20 10 10 6 6 20 14 2 2 10 13 6 6 8 5 16 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | \$80 75 215 120 75 100 75 100 92 15 27 45 50 49 25 120 100 100 178 650 125 125 125 125 126 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 | 197 56 35 50 70 50 79 15 25 38 60 40 20 50 75 95 10 40 68 288 95 68 288 96 62 36 30 |
| * No Statistics received this year— | | \$ 18253 | \$2887 | \$20572 | \$18799 | \$2932 | \$21731 | \$327 | \$1590 | \$1589 | \$179 | \$164 | \$22413 | \$802 | | \$302 | \$2787 | \$1559 |

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| Names of Charges. | Church | Sunday Schools. | Total. | Board of Church Extension. | Sunday School Union. | Tract Society | Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. | Public Educational Collectin | Children's Fund. | American Bi Society. | Woman's For eign Mission's Society. | Woman's Ho Missionary Society. | Total Other Benevolent Collections. | Conference | Episcopal Fund. | Total. | Century Me- morial Hall | Church In- debtedness. |
| Alcester BenClare Beresford Canton Centreville Colman Colton Deil Rapids Egan Elk Point Flandreau Flandreau Flandreau Garretson Gayville Harrisburg Hartford Hudson Hurley Lennox Lodi Madison Marion Junction Montrose Parker Sioux Falls—First Church Vermillion Wakonda Wyorthing Yankton | \$36 26 15 186 43 20 7 43 65 25 73 10 30 18 21 45 28 35 35 26 19 21 19 85 26 19 27 28 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 | \$4 55 20 20 55 20 13 14 75 52 58 32 90 130 100 100 100 12 | \$40 26 20 206 207 207 207 207 207 207 207 207 207 207 | \$6 4 | \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ | \$1 | \$7 10 6 3 1 4 4 3 3 2 2 2 2 1 3 1 4 4 6 3 3 4 4 4 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 15 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 | \$5 11 5 3 4 10 22 4 4 8 8 7 7 3 5 1 1 0 3 10 3 10 4 4 4 4 8 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | \$1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | \$21 46 18 17 15 13 50 179 2 58 123 11 104 | | \$102 88 555 28 | \$14 | \$523 11935265529 4467255533 109070728 | \$129 50 123 432 151 59 105 104 71 180 22 54 54 51 116 145 27 42 266 861 140 456 861 140 | \$198 41 45 165 185 93 10 1 9 202 5 1 178 230 225 26 6 27 | \$494 250 378 2992 775 740 10 228 1050 431 599 165 285 340 942 175 648 500 1248 210 100 1248 210 100 1248 210 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 |
| Total | \$1733 | \$397 | \$2128 | \$183 | \$29 | \$30 | \$170 | \$540 | \$112 | \$18 | \$655 | | \$584 | \$311 | \$166 | \$4795 | \$2068 | \$15299 |

^{*\$8000} for Canton Epworth Assembly on District.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

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| Names of Charges | No. Probationers. | No. Fuil Members. | No Local Preachers. | No. Deaths. | No. Children Baptized | No. Adults Baptized | No. Churches | Probable Value. | No. Parsonages | Probable Value. | Paid for Building and Imp'gChurches and Parsonages | Paid on old Indebt- ness on Church Property. | Present Indebted- ness on Church Property. | No. Schools. | No. Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars of all Grades. | A verage Attendance | No. Members in Home Departm't | No. Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers. | No. Scholars whether attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers. | No. Members of S. S. Con- verted during year. | Current Expenses. |
| Arlington Aurora. Big Stone City. Bradley Bristol. Brookings Castlewood Clark. Clear Lake Garden City Gary Hazel. Henry Kempeska. Lake Preston Milbank Sisseton Summit Watertown Webster Willow Lakes White Rock. Wilmot and Corona. Waubay | 4 1 1 4 4 9 9 3 3 7 7 4 4 3 3 6 6 3 5 5 5 2 7 2 2 7 7 | 68 200 29 130 52 95 91 64 103 21 72 115 50 9 300 93 26 150 102 | 1 1 1 2 3 | 4 1 1 3 1 4 1 1 | 15 44 8 8 8 15 66 44 11 1 | 8 8 2 2 51 | 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 | \$2000 2500 2500 2300 5000 1600 6000 2000 2700 1800 1500 1000 1700 3000 3000 3150 | 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 | \$1000 1000 800 600 600 1700 1000 600 100 | 350 127 150 4900 45 4756 | 140 140 130 140 140 130 | 200 100 1309 600 250 350 | 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 12 22 24 | 17 16 17 15 12 10 22 12 12 11 7 30 15 20 | 110 195 62 113 75 150 100 110 230 84 300 150 63 140 175 100 | | 10 | 20 11 11 15 15 15 15 16 10 | 115 20 344 20 24 75 60 60 60 | 6 25 1 66 77 144 96 68 188 | 70 20 74 30 22 60 60 30 60 40 50 30 60 26 52 74 31 9 150 75 20 60 60 75 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 |
| Total | 168 | 2150 | 10 | 23 | 85 | 83 | 27 | \$83850 | 20 | \$25250 | \$11973 | \$1538 | \$4859 | 41 | 398 | 2946 | 1993 | 10 | 326 | 794 | 194 | \$1226 |

^{*}Last year's report.

| | | | 1 | Pastor | 's Sup | port. | | | Supp | f | Supp | f | Pastors, Preand Bishops. | | | ence | Cur | rent |
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| | | • | Claim | s. | . R | eceipt | s. | | Presi Elde | | Bish | iops. | Paston nd Bi | | e'd om. | | ć ċ | |
| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor. | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Deficiency. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Total Support: siding Elders a | Collections. | Other Sources. | Total. | Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc. | Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books. Etc. |
| Arlington Aurora Big Stone Bradiey Bristol Brookings | A. M. Harkness J. D. Allison Orien E. Boyce Thos. Sanderson Shirley E. Boseley W. A. Cave | \$825 250 520 500 425 1100 | \$100 80 100 120 300 | 545 | \$365 250 535 500 425 1100 | 80 100 120 | \$625 250 615 600 545 1400 | | \$52 25 50 50 42 110 | \$52 25 50 50 42 110 | \$5 · 3 · 5 · 5 · 4 · 11 | \$3 5 6 4 11 | \$625 278 670 656 591 1521 | 10 16 8 | | \$10 5 10 16 8 22 | \$85 17 107 75 56 150 | \$70 20 74 40 22 60 |
| Bruce. Castlewood. Clark Clear Lake. Garden City. Gary Hazel. Henry. | W. M. Evans Matt Evans H. F. Knight O. M. Hyde W. E. Hartung Charles O. Walker W. C. Ehlers | 300 700 600 450 600 520 650 | 180 100 60 180 100 | 660 700 | 223 700 600 460 600 520 650 | 180 100 60 180 | 223 700 780 560 660 700 750 | | 30 70 60 45 60 52 64 | 28 60 44 45 60 52 64 | 3 6 5 6 5 6 | 5 5 6 5 6 | 610 728 757 | 10 15 12 10 | •••• | 3 10 15 12 10 16 | 50 116 75 53 70 78 95 | 30 60 40 50 30 60 26 |
| Kampeska. Lake Preston. Milbank Sisseton. Summit. Watertown Webster Willow Lakes White. White Rock Wilmot and Canova. Waubay | H. S. Coon L. W. Darling S. J. Watson Louis L. Lane. Paul G. Shepersky A. U. Stevens J. S. Harkness S. M. Davis D. C. McLean B. W. McEldowney Wm. Barrie L. L. Layne | 450 800 575 400 1200 750 450 850 470 675 300 | 120 100 180 300 150 75 150 75 100 | 900 755 400 1500 900 525 1000 545 | 800 541 320 1200 750 460 850 430 575 | 100 180 300 150 75 150 | 570 900 721 320 1500 900 535 1000 505 675 354 | 34 80 354 40 100 | 120 75 45 75 47 | 45 80 52 15 120 75 40 75 48 57 30 | 5 8 5 10 7 4 7 5 7 3 | 3 8 5 1 10 7 4 7 5 4 2 | 988 778 336 1630 982 579 1082 | 16 12 1 30 14 8 10 15 | | 3 16 12 1 30 14 8 10 25 | 125 250 65 50 700 200 60 75 31 50 | 52 74 31 9 150 75 20 65 72 60 41 |
| Total | | \$14060 | \$2570 | \$16630 | \$12968 | \$2920 | \$16292 | \$331 | \$1392 | \$1320 | \$125 | \$115 | \$17374 | \$249 | | \$249 | \$2647 | \$1231 |

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DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

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| | M | ission | s | h'ch | loc | y. | no | Educa | tion. | | r. c'y. | ome | 1's. | | | | | |
| Names of Charges | Church. | Sunday | Total. | Board of Ch' Extension | Su nday School Union. | Tract Society. | Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. | Public Educat'al Collections. | Children's Eund. | American Bible Society | Woman's For Mission'y Soc | Woman's Ho Mission'y Soc | Total Other Benev'nt Col's. | Conference Claimants. | Episcopal Fund. | Total. | Century Mercorial Hall. | Church In- debtedness. |
| Arlington Aurora. Big Stone City Bradley Bristol Brookings Bruce. Castlewood. | \$ 65 16 64 40 40 115 | 7 12 10 4 | 23 76 | 2 7 3 6 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 2 1 2 | \$ 55 5 66 44 8 | \$ 12 25 21 16 40 | \$ | \$ 1 1 2 1 2 | \$ 27 1 29 | \$ | \$ 70 78 29 119 151 | \$ 10 5 10 16 8 22 | \$ 5 6 4 11 | \$ 194 55 213 145 209 420 | \$ 10 2 38 78 101 128 | 499 582 252 550 |
| Clark Clear Lake. Garden City. Gary. Hazel. Henry Kampeska. Lake Preston. Milbank | 16 85 41 73 48 84 15 | 15 9 16 | 73 51 100 15 211 | 5 5 10 2 12 | 1 | 1 1 1 1 1 | 1 4 4 4 5 13 1 74 | 35 | 94104 | 1 2 1 1 | 43 45 20 88 | 2 | 34 | 3 10 15 12 10 16 | 3 5 5 6 5 6 3 8 | 199 147 114 410 22 642 | 323 | |
| Sisseton Summit. Watertown Waubay Webster Willow Lakes Whit* White Rock Willmot and Corona Total. | 18 4 240 50 16 12 85 20 \$1316 | 22 12 5 4 3 | 4 262 12 55 20 15 85 20 | 10 2 5 3 4 4 4 1 | 3 | 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 10 2 5 2 6 5 3 8178 | 30 8 30 8 0 25 3 | 3 10 ·1 ·1 ··1 ··3 5 ··1 ********************************* | 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 263 10 25 | | 309 151 87 82 91 13 \$1504 | 12 1 30 3 14 8 10 15 | 5 1 10 2 7 4 7 5 4 \$115 | 281 161 131 228 45 | 3 24 3 | 166 210 |

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1902.

| | Chu | | | Sund | lay Scho | ools. | | | Chu | arch Pro | perty. | | | - | |
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| Names of Districts. | No. of Probationers. | No. of Full Members. | Baptisms— | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | No. of Churches. | Probable Value. | No. of Parsonages. | Probable Value. | Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages. | Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property. | Present Indebtedness on Ch. Property. | Total Ministerial Support. | |
| Aberdeen— | 99 66 . –33 | 1,296 1,261 -35 | 77 47 -30 | 39 40 1 | 330 331 1 | 2,094 2,147 53 | 30 31 1 | \$53,850 56,150 2,300 | 17 | | \$2,044 5,540 34,86 | | \$5,290 4,941 650 | \$12,112 12,964 852 | DAK |
| Huron— 1901 | 103 77 -26 | 1,923 1,817 -106 | 59 62 3 | 46) 49 3 | 375 391 16 | 2,313 2,622 309 | 28 27 -1 | 47,590 51,650 4,060 | 18 | 10,250 14,550 4,300 | 1,863 3,685 1,822 | 660 | 7,939 6,754 -1,185 | | OTA CO |
| Mitchell— | 179 143 -36 | 2,190 2,122 -68 | 109 80 -29 | 46 42 -4 | 427 409 -18 | 2,842 2,792 -50 | 34 33 -1 | 61,950 76,100 18,350 | 18 | 13,900 21,050 7,050 | 11,580 | 2,613 2,310 -303 | 6,263 3,870 -2,393 | 15,966 17,472 1,504 | NFEREN |
| Sioux Falls— | 318 240 -78 | 3,135 3,185 50 | 158 224 66 | 51 54 3 | 490 491 2 | 3,592 4,019 427 | 44 44 | 97,300 106,050 8,750 | 23 | 28,075 34,500 6,425 | 6,350 8,752 2,402 | 3,623 3,245 -378 | 5.120 6,909 1.789 | 21,411 22,413 1,002 | ICE. |
| Watertown | 144 176 42 | 2,043 2,265 222 | 89 168 79 | 40 41 1 | 367 393 26 | 2,676 2,944 270 | 30 27 -3 | 84,450 73,850 9,400 | | 20,100 24,350 4,250 | 11,973 | 1,538 | 6,674 7,936 1,262 | | |
| Grand Total— | 843 622 -133 | 10.587 10,445 21 | 492 601 109 | 222 226 4 | 1,989 2,016 27 | 13,517 14,526 1,009 | 167 162 5 | 364,800 | 96 | | 34,423 | 12,591 | 31 ,286 31 ,410 124 | 79,047 83,997 4,850 | |

^{*} Loss indicated by minus sign.

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| Names of Districts. | Missionary Society. | Church Extension. | Sunday Sc. Un | Tract Society. | Freedman's A South'n Educ. | Public Educ. Collection. | Children's Fund. | Am. Bible Soci | Woman's Fore Missionary So | Woman's Hom Missionary So | Memorial Hall. | Total Other Benevolent Collections. | Asbury Hospital. | Conference Claimants. | Fpiscopal Fund. | Recapitulation. | Century Hall. | Indebted- ness. | Other Purposes. | Total. |
| berdeen District— 1902 1901 | \$900 826 | \$123 98 | \$15 11 | \$18 8 | \$128 69 | \$339 346 | \$84 86 | \$13 19 | \$196 172 | \$49 40 | \$157 | \$122 118 | \$166 20 | \$198 175 | \$106 77 | \$2626 2065 | \$1322 | \$4259 | | \$8581 |
| Huron District— 19021901 | 74 1521 867 | 96 | 23 16 | 10 19 14 | 59 105 69 | -7 383 304 | -2 42 49 | -6 19 6 | 234 | 9 | 157 79 | 10 | | 23 184 158 | 29 99 103 | 561 2905 2259 | 2058 | 6498 | | 8556 |
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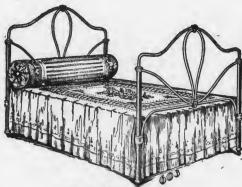
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